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MASS ARRESTS IN HUNGARY

Prisons And Camps Filled To Overflowing

STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Washington, Aug. 19.

THE State Department today condemned "the present campaign of repression" by the Hungarian regime and said political arrests in that country in recent weeks were estimated in the thousands.

"Prisons and internment camps throughout the country are overflowing," the Department said in a statement which it issued in connection with observance tomorrow of St Stephen's Day, the traditional national and religious holiday in Hungary.

"The hated political police, which has resumed fullscale activity, is endeavouring by all of the cruel methods at its disposal to reconstitute its network of spies and informers."

SYSTEMATIC CAMPAIGN

Since the national uprising last year, the Department said, the Hungarian people had been subjected to "a systematic campaign of terror by a regime which was forcibly imposed upon them and which is ruthlessly obstructing their just aspiration for national independence and suppressing the rightful exercise of their liberties."

"Political arrests in recent weeks, which are admitted to be on a large scale even by the regime, are estimated in the thousands," the State Department said.

The statement declared that this repressive campaign was directed against all segments of the Hungarian population.

"The regime has sought to concentrate public attention on the arrest of a number of allegedly Fascist groups and individuals in the apparent hope of supporting its contention that the Hungarian uprising was instigated by undemocratic elements — a contention authoritatively refuted by the report of the United Nations special committee on the problem of Hungary," the statement said.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

COMPENSATION

GOVERNMENT has decided to pay the quite considerable sum of $1,455,268 in compensation to those affected by last October's rioting. The bulk goes to 16 major claimants whose premises were damaged or who lost stock or vehicles; the average award was $72,473 though, from the extent of the damage reported at the time, it would seem that a few received very much more than the average. The remaining $295,705 awarded is divided up among 677 claims including 22 dependants of persons killed.

On the whole what can be said of the report? First it must be remembered that the object is not to recompense losses so much as "to relieve all cases of genuine hardship suffered by innocent people".

More than this cannot be expected. Government's responsibility to maintain law and order does not include the obligation to compensate those who suffer because of circumstances beyond its control though it accepts as part of the duty of government its share of the burden of communal suffering whatever the cause.

CARELESS

THIS being so, has Government acted correctly in accordance with this principle? The terms of reference given to the Board charged with the responsibility of advising Government on the extent of compensation to be paid could have been more precisely defined. The suggestion that insurance against riots should weigh in considering claims was careless and the Board did well to declare its finding that this was not "standard business practice in Hongkong" and therefore to ignore it.

Also, it seems the bewildering phrase in paragraph three "hardship which he cannot reasonably be expected to bear himself" could have been more carefully stated. The Board has drawn from it the conclusion that Government desired it to apply a means test to various claimants. If Government meant this why did it not say so?

Within the framework of these terms of reference the Riot Compensation Advisory Board appears to have adopted principles which in general favour claimants though where individual circumstances have been considered the terms of reference have prevented the Board from extending the same leeway to all, the degree of "hardship" being assessed according to the individual's or organisation's means.

CONSISTENT

THIS, however, is consistent with the principle enunciated by Government. And the figures suggest that major claimants have been not unfairly compensated though in one or two small details the Board appears to have skimped unnecessarily.

In the case of 184 claims which the Board could not determine, it would seem that Government has adopted the correct attitude. A good attempt has been made at weighing probabilities and assuming the reliability of the evidence which is the balancing factor in this case, the decision is reasonable.

On the whole the Board has tackled an extremely complex task commendably and though it will win little gratitude from those whose compensation it has determined, it deserves the thanks of the community for its generally reasonable approach and its attempt, not only to clarify ambiguous instructions where possible, but to be more than fair to most of the most deserving categories.

OMAN ISSUE

Sultan Protests To UN

United Nations, Aug. 19.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman protested today against the action of 11 Arab States in requesting the Security Council to debate the situation in Oman.

The Council is to take up the Arab request tomorrow.

Dr Francisco Urrutia of Colombia, Security Council President, received the following cablegram from Sultan Said ben Taimur:

"We have learned of the substance of a letter sent by Arab representatives on behalf of certain Arab countries requesting convening of Security Council meeting to interfere in affairs of our country. We hereby bring to your notice our formal protest against proposals contained in the said letter and invite your attention to fact that matters to which letter relates fall exclusively within our internal jurisdiction and are no concern of United Nations Organisation."

NO POSSIBILITY

Informed sources said there was no possibility that the seven affirmative votes necessary to inscribe the question on the agenda would be forthcoming.

Commonwealth sources said the United States was certain at least to abstain in the vote. But Britain had hoped to persuade the Americans to join herself, France and Australia in all out opposition.

At the same time they conceded that the United States was "caught in the middle" through her friendship both for Britain and for several of the 11 Arab states which submitted the Oman issue to the Council. —United Press & Reuter.

UK FORCES CUT BY 60,000

London, Aug. 19.

Britain's active armed forces were cut by nearly 60,000 to 702,100 officers and men in the 12 months ending last June, the Defence Ministry announced today.

Biggest of the three fighting forces on June 30 last remained the Army with 32,000 officers and 335,200 other ranks.

The Royal Air Force totalled 26,500 officers and 194,000 other ranks, and the Royal Navy 14,000 officers and 99,800 ratings.

The totals include 7,000 national service officers and 237,600 national service men.

In addition the three services had reserve and auxiliary forces totalling 591,500 and directly employed 252,500 civilians.—Reuter.

KILLED BY WASP

Vichy, Aug. 19.

Jules Bequart, aged 75, of Bellerive-Sur-Allier, died today of a wasp sting while working in his garden.

Death came 20 minutes after the sting.—France-Presse.

NY STOCK EXCHANGE SLUMPS

New York, Aug. 19.

A sharp fall in prices lopped tens of millions of dollars from the quoted value of all stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange today.

International Oil Company shares, which might be directly affected by developments in Syria, suffered from heavy selling, but other companies not apparently involved in the Middle East, such as Lukens Steel, also had losses.

The decline gathered momentum throughout the day, leaving prices from one to seven dollars a share lower at the close.

Brokers said other news which affected the market included the virtual devaluation of the French franc and concern about the stability of sterling.—Reuter.

TYPHOON SKIRTS KYUSHU

Tokyo, Aug. 20.

Typhoon Agnes, with much of its force gone, was skirting the southern end of Kyushu some 200 miles off Kagoshima this morning and heading for the Korean Peninsula.

The Fifth Air Force 1st Weather Wing said that though Agnes had weakened she was still packing winds of 115 miles per hour at the centre and moving in a north-northwesterly direction at 17 miles per hour.

Though Kyushu, the perennial target of typhoons, appeared to be spared the full force of the blow, it was being hit with fringe winds of more than 60 miles an hour accompanied by heavy rains.—United Press.

MERDEKA FAIR

Federation Not Blamed For Delegates' Visa Trouble

The Hongkong trade delegation to the Merdeka exhibition in Kuala Lumpur has been held up in Singapore owing to visa trouble, according to agency reports.

The Malayan Government insists that the delegation apply for separate visas, the Singapore visas not being valid for entry into the Federation.

Mr Haking Wong, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union in Hongkong, said this morning that he had no complaint to make against the Federation Government's attitude.

"All governments are entitled to censor entries into their own countries," he said. "As far as their regulations go, it is proper and correct and this is routine work. For instance, the Hongkong Government has the right to censor entries here."

LEAVE IT TO THEM

But Mr Haking Wong said he had no knowledge of any of the Hongkong delegation having political links with China.

As to whether the Hongkong delegation should pack up or continue to try and get to the Merdeka fair, Mr Haking Wong said the group alone must make the decision and the CMU here was not saying yea or nay.

"It is up to the delegation whether they join the fair. But if they think there are too many difficulties to overcome then we also leave it to them," he said.

Mr Alexander Kwang of the delegation told the United Press in Singapore that he and his colleagues were under the impression that their visas for Singapore were good for both territories until he was called to the Immigration Office and told to fill in application forms which were then sent to Malayan immigration headquarters in Penang.

Commenting on the Federation Government's suspicion that some delegation members had connections with China, Mr Kwang said: "I'm shocked to hear this. I know every one of my members, who are entirely Hongkong manufacturers."

HOPEFUL

He said the President of the Federation of Malaya Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr Christopher Chua, who is concurrently chairman of the Merdeka exhibition in Kuala Lumpur had assured him: "Everything is going to be all right."

He said he was hopeful visas would be forthcoming.

He denied that the entire delegation would boycott the exhibition if some members were barred from entering. He said that if the Government banned such "unimportant members" the exhibition would go on, but officials must be allowed to go, otherwise organisational work could not be carried out.

PLANE CRASH

Tunis, Aug. 19.

A French military twin-engined aircraft has crashed into the mountainous area of Souk el Khemis, south of Tunis, killing its four occupants, French Air Force authorities said tonight.—Reuter.

Mr Fred Astaire and his daughter Ava at Kai Tak this morning.—China Mail Photo.

FRED ASTAIRE IN HONGKONG

MR Fred Astaire, the world-famous dancing star of movies and the stage, said on his arrival at Kai Tak this morning that he would like to make a film in the Far East but as yet had no definite plans.

Arriving by Pan-American Airways from Tokyo, Mr Astaire was accompanied by his 15-year-old daughter Ava. The two are making a pleasure trip in the Far East and plan to stay here for four or five days.

His two sons, one aged 25 and another 21, remained in the United States.

Marvellous

The 58-year-old dancer, who comes of a British family which migrated to America, said he enjoyed his 10-day stay in Tokyo very much and thought a great deal of their Kabuki theatre. "Japanese dancers are very good and marvellous," he said.

As for Americans, he said that many young boys were going in for dancing, but they very not concentrating on the art. After some hesitation he chose Gene Kelly as the best dancer in Hollywood at the present time.

Mr Astaire has been dancing professionally at the age of five when he and his sister joined a stage show. Hollywood acquired him in 1933.

Asked whether he was going to make another film with Ginger Rogers, his one-time dancing partner of the films, Mr Astaire said "Ginger is no longer on the stage."

Two Films

Two of his films will be released in Hongkong shortly. One is "Silk Stocking", with Cyd Charisse and the other is "Funny Face," with Audrey Hepburn.

As to present-day dancing, Mr Astaire said he liked the Calypso which was very popular even 10 years ago, but he preferred Cha-Cha. He liked only "some" Rock 'n Roll.

Terrorists Club Woman To Death

Ipoh, Aug. 19.

A 50-year-old Chinese woman was clubbed to death by six Communist terrorists outside her house at Bali New Village in the Batu Gajah area despite the pleading of her five young children.

The terrorists walked into Choo Kew Mool's house last night and dragged her out from the back door despite the pleadings of her four young daughters and a three-year-old son. They warned the children to stay in the house and not to raise an alarm.

Ten minutes later the eldest daughter, Chew Yoong, 20, ventured out and saw her mother's body battered and unconscious in a vegetable patch behind the house. A bloodstained stick was found near the body.—United Press.

Train Collision

Calcutta, Aug. 19.

Four persons were killed and 11 persons injured when a freight train and a passenger train crashed in a head-on collision 420 miles from Calcutta today.

The locomotives crew was among the injured.—France-Presse.

SYRIAN SITUATION CAUSING CONCERN IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Aug. 19.

TOP-LEVEL consultations between Britain and the United States on Syria opened in Washington today.

President Eisenhower was reported to have expressed deep concern at the developments in Syria, including the appointment of a new Chief of Staff, considered here to be openly pro-Soviet, to control the Syrian Army.

The President called Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, to the White House to confer on what appeared to officials to be a general Syrian move against pro-Western political elements and against Western prestige generally in the Middle East.

The White House conference was held shortly before Mr Dulles held a scheduled meeting with Sir Harold Caccia, the British ambassador, to review and assess the potential dangers arising from the new Middle East crisis.

SYRIA A SOVIET SATELLITE?

Washington, Aug. 19.

British Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia said after conferring with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today that Syria seems to be becoming a Soviet "satellite."

He said he gave Dulles what information he had on Syria, but added this was a difficult matter since Britain no longer has diplomatic representation in that country.

He said: "What is happening in Syria is another step in the same direction:

- **"1. Soviet arms reached Syria.**
- **2. The Syrian Prime Minister visits Moscow, and**
- **3. There are internal changes in Syria in the same direction looking towards closer association with Moscow."**

He considered that the interested powers, including Turkey, would have to look at this situation very carefully.

He said he had not suggested any measures to be taken in regard to Syria.—United Press.

TWO QUESTIONS

Officials said that two of the big questions facing the President and to be explored with Mr Dulles and Sir Harold today were:

★ **1. Whether Soviet arms shipments to Syria, the expulsion of United States diplomats from Damascus and the military changes meant that Syria was turning — at least in the view of the United States—into a full-fledged Soviet satellite in the Middle East.**

★ **2. If so, how the United States in particular and the West generally could safeguard its vital interests against Soviet penetration.**

For the moment, officials here do not see any immediate danger that the Soviet will make an overt move in the Middle East.

The situation was described as one in which the Soviet Union was more interested in the development of local fights, such as in Oman and on the Yemen-Aden border, which might contribute to the West's embarrassment and the growth of Soviet influence.

DOCTRINE

Officials explained today that President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine would not come into play as the United States studied how best it could react to the Syrian developments.

Under the doctrine, President Eisenhower has authority to come to the aid of any state requesting assistance against Communist aggression in the Middle East.—Reuter.

Bone 200,000 Years Old

Bonn, Aug. 19.

The discovery of a thigh bone believed to have belonged to a human being who lived 100,000 years before the Neanderthal man was announced today by Professor Schwabedissen of the Schelswig Institute of Prehistoric Studies.

He said that the bone must be the skeletal remains of the "Steinghelm" man who lived some 200,000 years ago. The bone was thought to have been hacked off a human pelvis with a stone axe. — France-Presse.

Nelson's Column, London

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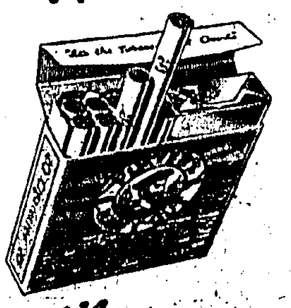

Player's Please

Hongkong Names On The Waiting List

By CHINA MAIL CORRESPONDENTS

Names of Hongkong people going on leave next year are among the 20,000 on the waiting list of Keith Prowse Ltd for the Broadway musical, "My Fair Lady", when it opens in London next year.

The musical is an adaptation from Bernard Shaw's famous comedy "Pygmalion".

The China Mail's London correspondent, David T. K. Wong, said Keith Prowse, a well-known London booking agency, had not yet started accepting bookings for the show.

It would not accept bookings until after Christmas. The show is expected to begin in London in about March.

"My Fair Lady" has been selling on long-playing records in Hongkong for several months and according to Moutries Ltd the record has been one of their best-sellers for almost the last year.

A spokesman for the company yesterday estimated that about 5,000 copies have been sold throughout the Colony since the record was introduced.

"My Fair Lady" was one of the best-selling records to have come on to the Hongkong market for many years, the spokesman added.

The record features Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews.

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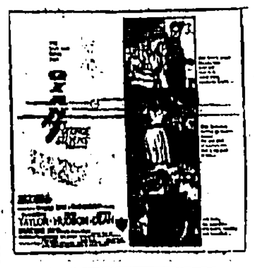

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OMAN SULTAN SURPRISED

Refuses To Release Text Of Secret Agreement Of Sib

By ROSS BIRTWISTLE

Manamah, Aug. 19.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman has expressed "considerable surprise" at the international repercussions over Britain's loan of military assistance to quell the Imam of Oman and sees no reason why the operation should be the subject of discussion outside his country, the Sultan's British-born Foreign Minister, Mr Neil Innes, said here today.

Mr Innes said the Sultan believed the 37-year-old agreement of Sib, covering relations between the Sultan and tribal leaders of the interior, was "a matter of internal interest and application."

It was "certainly no concern of the United Nations and the text was not a thing which should be produced at pistol point."

Mr Innes granted a formal interview today to correspondents who accompanied the British supported Sultan's troops under Brigadier J. A. Robertson, across the desert from Fahud to capture the Imam's capital, Nizwa.

A VERSION

Correspondents asked to interview the Sultan but he refused. They also asked for the text of the hitherto secret agreement between Sultan and 18 tribal leaders of the interior, but the Sultan again refused through Mr Innes. A version of the agreement claimed to be authentic had been released from the Imamate office in Cairo supporting the argument that the interior of Oman was an independent state over which the Sultan was ruling without legal authority.

Asked whether the Sultan had taken note of draft resolution to be put to the Security Council, Mr Innes replied, "Yes, he's taken note and I presume he will take the steps he considers necessary." Asked if the Sultan would recognise a ruling from the United Nations he said, "That's not within my competence to answer."

NOT A TREATY

The agreement of Sib—Mr Innes insists it is an agreement and not a treaty—has come to play a key part in the events subsequent to the restoration with Britain's help of the Sultan's authority in the Green mountains area of the interior.

Allegations that Britain committed aggression against an independent state of the interior of Oman in support of the Sultan's wrongful claim to be the ruler would apparently be answerable by the release of the authorised text of the treaty of Sib.

Strong-willed and a semi-recluse, the Sultan has been the subject of considerable pressure over the past two days from his immediate advisers to release the text, but he stood firm. He is understood to be maintaining it is no concern of outsiders, he does not recognise the Imam or Imamate office in Cairo and refuses to enter the argument.—China Mail Special.

Workman's Sabre Charge

Genoa, Aug. 19.

Menotti Valeriani, 50-year-old Italian workman was gaoled today after slashing his mother-in-law and four other persons in a charge with a cavalry sabre after his wife left him.

The five victims were being treated in a local hospital.

Valeriani awoke to find a note on his pillow from his wife saying she was going home to her mother.

He rushed over to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs Anna Tachella, seized a cavalry sabre—a souvenir of one of the family ancestors who was in the famous Garibaldi Brigade of 1,000 and slashed her.

He also slashed Remo Tachella, 25, Valentina Tachella, 19, her husband Giovanni Fosco, 20 and their son Carlo 5.—France-Presse.

EDITOR FLEES

Berlin, Aug. 19.

Alfred Hardt, editor of the East German Communist Party newspaper in Thuringia, Das Volk, has fled to West Germany, refugee officials said here today.—China Mail Special.

MURDER OF WITCH NOT SELF-DEFENCE

Salisbury, Aug. 19.

THE Federal Supreme Court has ruled that it does not constitute self-defence if an African kills a witch doctor whom he believes has put him under a fatal curse.

Some months ago, an African named Jackson killed his cousin, an elderly woman. After the death of Jackson's brother he reproached the cousin with not conforming to tribal custom and alleged that she had been responsible for his brother's death.

One morning he had an argument, which she ended with the words, "On account of your impertinence you will not see the sun tomorrow."

WITH AN AXE

He concluded that it was her intention to murder him by witchcraft, and he killed her with an axe.

The Nyasaland High Court found that Jackson believed sincerely that he would die as a result of the curse and consequently that he killed the woman in self-defence.

The Federal Supreme Court decided, on an appeal by the Attorney-General, that this was not a belief of a reasonable man and could therefore not be accepted as a legal standard.

Their finding in this appeal will not, however, effect the high court decision.—France-Presse.

Permission Refused To Officials

Cairo, Aug. 19.

Dr Abdul Moneim El Kaissuny, Egyptian Finance Minister, said tonight he had refused permission for two British officials to visit those sequestered British companies which have been Egyptianised "because these companies are already Egyptian."

The two officials, Mr F. Milner, of the Treasury, and Mr R. J. Hallows, of the Bank of England, have been having discussions with the Egyptian Sequestrator-General, Mr Moussa Arafa, on the British sequestrated property.

Dr Kaissuny said: "Permission has been refused to the British delegates as these companies are already Egyptian.

"The British delegates' mission is to find out the real position of British sequestered companies," he said.—Reuter.

LIFE FOR KILLING WRONG MAN

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 19.

Mrs S. Josephine McDaniel, 49, was today sentenced to life imprisonment for killing the wrong man.

On May 10, she shot Harold A. McDaniel, 42.

She had intended, she explained in court, to shoot her ex-husband, Harvey. She pleaded guilty to the McDaniel killing.—China Mail Special.

YOUNG HOODLUM "OUTPLAYED" BY ACTRESSES

New York, Aug. 19.

A weekend outbreak of teenage violence brought death to one New York City youth and critical injury to another, but three young actresses bested one juvenile hoodlum twice today.

Police said 18-year-old Richard Fields stabbed to death Ernest Smalls, Jr., 16, in a sidewalk fight that resulted during Saturday night when Smalls tried to collect for some pigeons he had sold to Fields.

SIX ARRESTED

Almost at the hour, a gang of youthful hoodlums armed with baseball bats attacked and beat two brothers, Jerry and Anthony Piconi, Jerry, 17, was hospitalised in critical condition. Anthony, 16, was treated and discharged. Six youths were arrested.

However, three pretty actresses early today outplayed a "very bad actor" who tried to hold them up in two separate incidents.

Police said Eugene Michael Jutkowski, 19, first tried to rob 27-year-old Emily Mothan as she was getting into a car. But when the would-be robber displayed his home-made "zip gun" Miss Mothan kicked him and screamed for help, causing the teenager to take to his heels.

2 HOURS LATER

Authorities said that two hours later Jutkowski accosted Mary Louise McWilliams, 25, and Lee De Kan, 26, in front of their home several blocks away.

The brunette, Miss McWilliams, and red-haired, Miss De Kan ignored him, and Jutkowski threatened to shoot if they kept walking, which they did.

Jutkowski pulled the trigger and his "zip gun" fell apart. Again he fled, but the girls pursued him on foot and in a taxi until two policemen joined the chase and captured him.—United Press.

FIVE DROWNED IN YACHT COLLISION

San Sebastian, Aug. 19.

General Francisco Franco's yacht Azor was in collision with a small motor boat bringing back excursionists from the island of Santa Clara, in the Bay of San Sebastian, tonight.

First reports said two excursionists were believed drowned and others injured, but there was no official confirmation.

The Azor was leaving San Sebastian Port on its way to Guetaria, a small coastal town nearby, and the motor boat was returning to the beach at San Sebastian.

DAY-FISHING

General Franco had spent the day fishing from the Azor and came ashore about seven o'clock — two hours before the collision.

The Azor (400 tons) was presented to General Franco by the shipowners of Bilbao and he uses it for deep sea fishing each summer. For the remainder of the year it is used as a fisheries inspection vessel.

Later estimates put the number of those believed drowned at five, but there were still no official figures. About 20 people were treated at first aid centres ashore.—Reuter.

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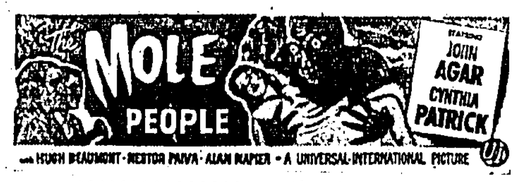

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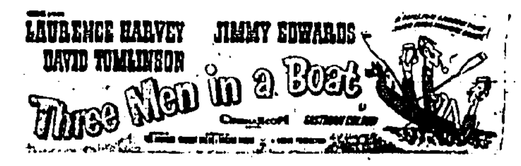

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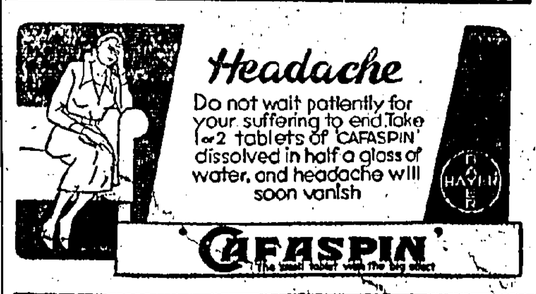

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AN END TO NATO IF DEFEATED

Adenauer Issues Grim Warning On Socialists

New York, Aug. 19.

THE West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, predicted in an interview published today an end to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation if he were defeated in the forthcoming September elections by the Social Democrats.

Dr Adenauer, the leader of the Christian Democratic Union, said in an interview with the Look Magazine, "If the Social Democratic Party should form the next Government, I am convinced that it would, by its present vacillation and its general attitude, put an end to (our participation in) Nato. And if Germany leaves Nato, then Nato will cease to exist."

Unable To Start

At present, Dr Adenauer said, the bases held by the United States and Nato were so situated around the globe that the Soviet Union was unable to start an offensive anywhere. He added:

"If the Nato sector (of Western defence perimeter) disappears, it would leave a considerable hole and the Russians could then get out...."

Asked about the recent shakeup in the Kremlin in which the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, emerged as one of the top Soviet leaders, Dr Adenauer said he was pessimistic about any change taking place in Russian policy.

The West German Chancellor said:

"If (Mr Georgi) Malenkov had remained the decisive man, changes would be more likely to occur than under Khrushchev."

Dr Adenauer said that Mr Malenkov was a man with whom one could talk. "I did for quite a while in Moscow, and he expressed sensible views on economics which I quite appreciated," he said.

Brutal Fighter

The Chancellor said Mr Malenkov was a man who takes realities into account, and that is why as a politician he would also have done so." He added:

"However, Khrushchev is a man who neither knows nor understands anything of these matters, a brutal fighter. And I cannot imagine that there will be any change of policy under him."

Asked of the chances of his Party to win the election, Dr Adenauer said: "I am convinced that the majority of our electorate will give a clear vote in favour of the policies we have pursued so far."

He said he spoke "deliberately" of the majority of the voters rather than of his own Party because there were several other parties members of his coalition.

Not Democratic

Dr Adenauer was also asked why he had not named his preference for a successor. He said he did not think it fair or democratic for anyone to request him to name one adding: "It did not do any good in Britain when Winston Churchill advised that Anthony Eden should be his successor."

KONRAD ADENAUER
Majority Support Us

On German reunification the Chancellor said:

"Reunification must be broached as soon as the atmosphere is somewhat more favourable. The reunification of Germany is part and parcel of the problem of easing existing tension. I think it should be tackled as soon as it appears the Russians are really prepared to relax."—Reuter.

WRAC Director's Last Parade

Dame Mary Railton, Director of the WRAC, took the salute at a passing out parade at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks, Guilford. This is the last parade she will take before her retirement as Director. Photo shows Dame Mary Railton inspecting the cadets on the parade ground.—Army News Photo.

STERN CALLS ACCUSATIONS 'FANTASTIC'

By MICHAEL WEIGALL

Prague, Aug. 19.

AMERICAN businessman Mr Alfred Stern said tonight that allegations before an American Congressional Committee that he and his wife, Martha Dodd Stern, were Soviet spies were "fantastic."

The Sterns, who are accompanied by their small son, have been here since July 21 when they arrived by air from Mexico City.

SPY CHARGE

The spy charge against Mr Stern and his wife, daughter of a pre-war United States Ambassador to Nazi Germany, was made before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee by an American film director, Mr Boris Morros.

Shown news agency reports of the hearing at a luxury Prague hotel where the family is staying, Mr Stern shook his head and said, "It's extraordinary. I have no comment to make."

TOURISTS

He said his family were in Czechoslovakia as "tourists" and were visiting "several European countries." He did not know how long they would be here and had no plans for the immediate future.

Hotel officials said the Sterns had registered under Paraguayan passports.

American diplomats here said today they had no knowledge that the Sterns were in the Czechoslovak capital.—Reuter.

Mysterious Skeleton Puzzle

Paris, Aug. 19.

French police today were trying to solve the mystery of an upside down human skeleton found walled up in a cellar below the Gare de Lest Railway station for about 30 years.

Workers demolishing the reinforced concrete wall in the wine cellars of the railway restaurant found the bones over the week-end.

So far, they had three theories:

(1) A tramp who had taken refuge in the cellar was walled up while sleeping.

(2) A workman fell victim to an accident.

(3) A murder was committed.

The upside down position of the skeleton especially puzzled the police. Some bones were also missing.—Reuter-Press.

TUC CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS 77 RESOLUTIONS

London, Aug. 20.

European free trade, German reunion, the hydrogen bomb and China's admission to the United Nations are among controversial international questions to be discussed by the Trades Union Congress, the British workers' "parliament," at its conference next month.

The annual conference of the 1,000 TUC delegates, representing some 8,000,000 trade unionists, will take place at Blackpool, north England, from September 2 to 6.

The conference agenda, published today, lists 77 resolutions for discussion. They range in subject from European security to the tapping of private telephone conversations.

Five resolutions on the hydrogen bomb, each calling for an end to tests of the bomb, dominate the international issues.

HEALTH HAZARDS

The Chemical Workers' Union has tabled an amendment urging a United Nations inquiry into the health hazards arising from radioactivity caused by bomb tests.

The National Union of Furniture Trade Operatives has sponsored a resolution urging that China should be invited to join the United Nations and take part in the task of building world peace.

A resolution expressing "grave concern" at the dangers inherent in the present European situation has been tabled by the powerful Electrical Trades Union.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY

It suggests that a united Germany and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Europe could be achieved "by the establishment of a system of collective security involving all European countries and including the United States of America and the USSR."

The European free trade area is the subject of a resolution moved by the Union of Jute, Flax and kindred textile operators, which calls on the Government to continue its protection of the British jute industry.

On the domestic front, as many as five resolutions have been tabled on the subject of securing an increase in old age pensions.

SHORT-SIGHTED

The Medical Practitioners' Union has put forward a resolution deploring the Government's "short-sighted measures" to economise on Britain's national health service and calling for an end to prescription charges and restrictions on hospital spending.

The General Council of the Trades Union Congress, in its annual report published today, said that the proposed European free trade area had been its "biggest issue on the economic front."

The report criticised the government for a "political budget which had little relevance to the real needs of the situation and which blatantly dressed up concessions to surtax payers as incentives to production."

The report asked Labour Party leaders for a "comprehensive re-examination" of their new half-pay pensions scheme.—China Mail Special.

NIGERIAN ARRESTED & ROBBED

Warsaw, Aug. 19.

A 27-year-old Nigerian making a two-year round the world tour on a motor scooter arrived here today after being arrested by East German police, charged with espionage, held for more than 30 hours and deprived of all his money.

Olabisi Ajala, a former psychology student at Columbia University, New York, said he was arrested in East Berlin on August 14 and interrogated for 24 hours by secret police.

After his release, Ajala said, he was trailed by a car and a motor-cycle all the way from East Berlin to the Polish-German border.

STRIPPED NAKED

"I thought my troubles were over when I got there," He said. "But the Germans stripped me naked and took US$55, £90 and 500 French francs away from me. They held me for eight hours in the border control post then let me go."

Ajala said the East Germans gave him 70 East Marks after he protested that he could not go any place without money.

"But when I got to Poznan I found the Poles wouldn't take East German money so I had to earn some by writing for the papers there and appearing on television."

The bearded six-footer said the purpose of his trip was to "show the world that Africans are not savages."—United Press.

N-AGREEMENT SIGNED

Oakland, Calif., Aug. 19.

Mr George Havas, Vice-President and General Manager of Kaiser Engineers, announced today that the company had signed a nuclear development agreement with C. Itoh and Company, Ltd, of Osaka, Japan.

The two companies will initiate a joint programme to study and develop nuclear plant engineering and construction projects in Japan.

Present and past Kaiser Engineers nuclear projects have totalled more than $146,000,000.—Reuter.

UK Orchestras In 'Unholy Mess' —Financially

Edinburgh, Aug. 19.

Representatives of Britain's five permanent orchestras will meet in London on Thursday to discuss "the unholy mess" in which they find themselves financially.

The announcement was made here today at the Edinburgh festival by Mr Kenneth E. Crickmore, manager of the 100-year-old Halle Orchestra.

Mr Crickmore called for an independent national committee to look into the whole question of public subsidies for music. He said he was hoping for speedy public reaction to clear up what he called "the whole unholy mess."

Fresh financial crises were looming up for the permanent symphony orchestras — the Halle, the Birmingham, the Liverpool, the Bournemouth and the Scottish National—, Mr Crickmore said.

WERE UNDERCUT

Speaking for the Halle, whose management he took over in 1951, he said the orchestra had received invitations from 16 different countries, including the United States, but could not accept them because they were undercut by other orchestras by their governments.

Since 1951, the Halle had turned a deficit of £16,000 into a reserve fund of £30,000, he said. But now, as a result of reduction in help from public funds and higher running costs, reserves intended to safequard the interests of the players were dwindling away at the rate of £300 a week.

This meant, Mr Crickmore added, that on the eve of their centenary season the Halle were "bedevilled, bothered and bewildered," with their future as a big question mark.

NEW WAGE AWARD

A new wage award had raised the pay for rank-and-file players from about £11-10-0 to about £13-10-0 a week and would cost the Halle £10,000 a year and at the moment they could not find that out of the box office.

Questionnaires distributed to other orchestras throughout the world showed that over the past three years the Halle had earned more money than any other in the world's history, Mr Crickmore said.

Now a premium had been put on the orchestra's hard work and efficiency. Because the orchestra's reserves had gone up, the grant from the arts council had been reduced from £12,000 to £5,000 last year.

Mr Crickmore said the situation was "screaming out for a national inquiry."—China Mail Special.

ALLOWED TO TRANSIT CANAL

Port Said, Aug. 19.

The Norwegian ship Hubro which is en route from Haifa to Tokyo, and which was held up here yesterday, was today allowed to transit the Canal.

The 2, 163-ton Hubro is carrying a cargo of potash.

Harbour police yesterday searched her and then ordered her to await instructions from Cairo.

HELD UP

The Hubro had been held up in Suez earlier this month when sailing to Israel from Capetown.

The Hubro had been the second Norwegian ship held up by the Egyptian authorities this week for dealing with Israel ports. The Israel-bound freighter Mars (2,716 tons) was today still lying in Suez Harbour awaiting permission to enter the Canal.

The Mars arrived at Suez on Friday from the Philippines with 2,000 tons of general cargo.—Reuter.

MORE B-36s FOR THE JUNK HEAP

Washington, Aug. 19.

THE Air Force said today it has earmarked for junking 105 more B-36 Superbombers, America's original "massive retaliation" weapon, in favour of modern B-52 hydrogen bombers.

Ninety-five of the now outmoded bombers already have been broken up and salvaged after almost ten years as the main intercontinental punch of the Strategic Air Command. Their salvage value was US$44,400,000.

The controversial B-36 bomber went into service in the late 1940's as a plane which could deliver a 10,000-pound bomb load over a 10,000-mile range.

BILLION $ BLUNDER

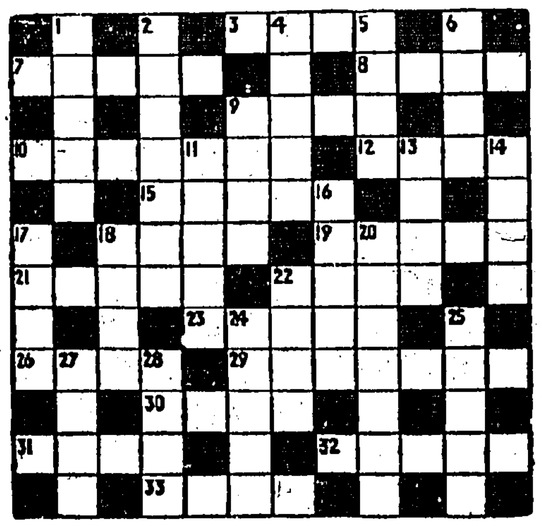
At one point, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, then Pacific Fleet Commander and recently retired as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the B-36 programme a "billion dollar blunder." He did not believe at the time it could carry out the war-deterrent or retaliation role assigned it by Truman.

The Air Force contended the B-36's have been major peace keepers without ever firing a shot in anger. Now they are giving way to the much faster, eight-jet B-52's.

Of the 200 B-36's slated for the scrap heap, 95 so far have been reclaimed.

Page Airways, Inc., Rochester, New York, bought the stripped-down fuselages of the 95 planes for the total of US$831,345.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Has been employed (4).
7 Abnormality (5).
8 Turn of the tide! (4).
9 Extent of a basement? (4).
10 Fatty (7).
12 Did a bunk (4).
15 Represent as similar (5).
16 Slippery customers (4).
19 Let in (5).
21 Remove from view, so to speak (5).
22 Pass over with a rope? (4).
23 Put off (5).
26 Days of wonder (4).
29 Enlarged (7).
30 What the short-sighted may do (4).
31 She's a national emblem (4).
32 Pens (5).
33 Besides (4).

DOWN

1 Degree of slope (5).
2 Traveller's specimens (7).
4 Jollification for Berliners? (5).
5 Unheeding, as it were (4).
6 Splendid punishment! (4).
9 Calls for a reply? (4).
11 Made for easier progress (5).
13 Nightingale illumination (4).
14 Service to be paid perhaps (4).
18 Barely visible! (5).
17 The very poor luck one (4).
18 Get one's deserts? (4).
20 Makes a picture? (7).
22 Prepare the pudding (4).
24 Pitchers (5).
25 Bit of a mix-up (5).
27 Metal club, of course (4).
28 Weapon for duelling (4).

MONDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Escort, 7 Male, 9 Sword, 10 Ample, 11 Rear, 13 Admiration, 15 Vend, 16 Boss, 19 Commandeer, 22 Reel, 24 Anent, 25 Truce, 26 Sten, 27 Saddle. **Down:** 2 Storm, 3 Order, 4 Trails, 5 Improved, 6 Flea, 8 Alone, 12 Rider, 13 Amber, 14 Insolent, 17 Scene, 18 Smites, 20 Noted, 21 Equal, 23 Eats.

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Suddenly from dry history : The Estoril Story

there builds up a story that reads like an Eric Ambler thriller . . . but with a real ex-King, a real Prime Minister, real Foreign Ministers as the chief characters.

It is a plot by Adolf Hitler to win over Britain's Duke of Windsor and put him on the throne of a conquered Britain that has been revealed with the publication of wartime German Foreign Office documents.

The cloak-and-dagger drama took place at Estoril, the luxury resort in neutral Portugal, in 1940—between June, when the Duke and Duchess fled from falling France, and August, when the Duke became Governor of the Bahamas.

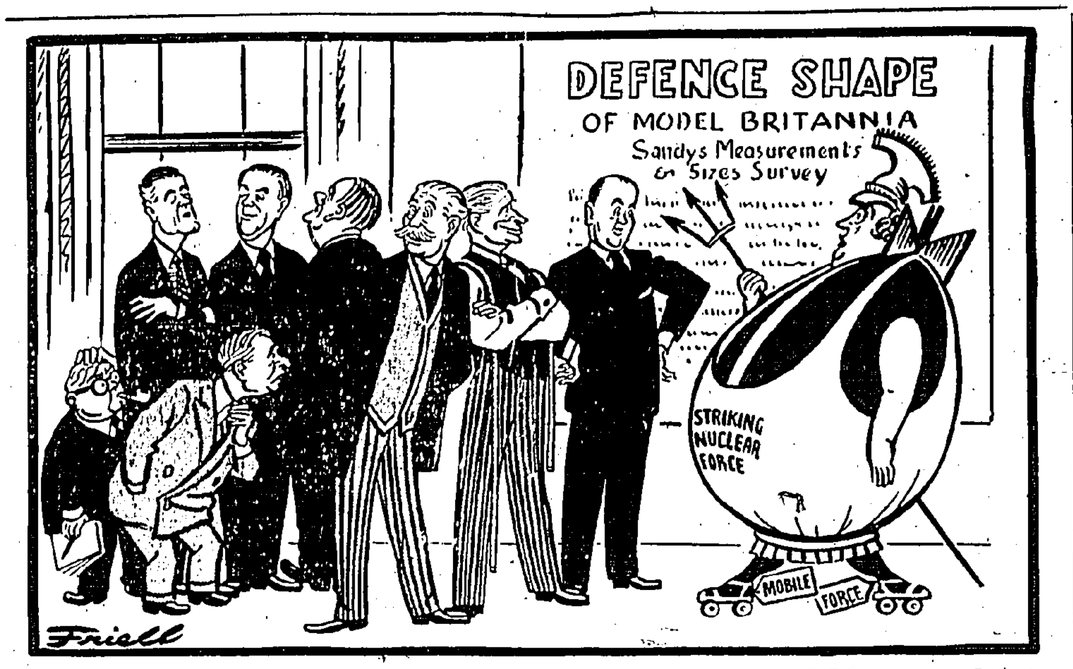
Says the British Government, in publishing the documents: "The Duke was subjected to heavy pressure from many quarters to stay in Europe, where the Germans hoped that he would exert his influences against the policy of the British Government.

"He never wavered in his loyalty to the British cause or in his determination to take up his official post as Governor of the Bahamas on the date agreed.

"The German records are necessarily a much-tainted source. The only firm evidence which they provide is of what the Germans were trying to do in this matter, and of how completely they failed to do it."

The documents say that on July 12, Hitler's Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, disclosed the whole basis of the German plan in a telegram to Ebergard von Stohrer, German envoy in Madrid.

He wrote: "Germany is determined to force England to peace by every means of power, and upon this happening would be prepared to accommodate any desire expressed by the Duke, especially with a view to the assumption of the English Throne by the Duke and Duchess."



"SHE MAY NOT LOOK MUCH BUT SHE'S ALL OURS"

London Express Service

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THIS is the Estoril story. This is the story of egomaniacs and megalomaniacs who thought they could seduce the loyalty of an ex-King of England.

How they set about solemnly to "nobble the Duke" is now revealed in official German documents — and my word, the technique would shame an Eric Ambler novel!

For the Germans of the Second World War were the corniest intriguers of all time. They were, at every stage, the dupers duped.

Recall now the setting of those days, 17 summers ago. Paris had gone; and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor had been living in Paris. On June 18, 1940, as the Germans fanned out across France, the Windsors headed for their villa at Cap d'Antibes and called a conference of personal advisers.

There, for example, was Major Gray Phillips, the Duke's secretary, who said: "I want to keep out of this, but I think it's a pity that the documents are published at this time."

Decision then: to go to neutral Spain, then Lisbon, then home to England.

Sinister

TWO days after France asked for an armistice the party made off in a Buick, heading for the frontier.

The Duke's car was driven by George Ladbrook, now 64, who said reflectively at Southend: "The atmosphere on the Spanish border was sinister...."

After much effort the party—now leading a convoy of refugees—crossed the frontier, headed for Barcelona, swung south for Madrid, and put up at the Ritz Hotel.

Thus, on June 23, 1940, according to the official German documents, Eberhard von Stohrer, German Ambassador in Madrid who died some years ago, writes to Foreign Minister Ribbentrop:—

"The Spanish Foreign Minister requests advice with regard to the treatment of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor who were to arrive in Madrid today, apparently in order to return to England by way of Lisbon.

"The Foreign Minister assumes from certain impressions that we might perhaps be interested in detaining the Duke of Windsor here and possibly in establishing contact with him."

There, at the start, is the presumption and the tone of all that follows; the stupid acceptance that the Duke was ripe for defection, that he would aid his country's enemies, that of all people he would act traitor.

See now how the excitement mounted in the German Chancellery; how, I almost said gutturally, the plot thickened...

Delay . . .

JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP, ex-champagne salesman and ex-Ambassador to Britain, who was to be hanged at the end of it all, replies:—

"Is it possible in the first place to detain the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for a couple of weeks in Spain before they are granted an exit visa? It would be necessary at all events to be sure that it did not appear in any way that the suggestion came from Germany."

And Spain's Foreign Minister "promised to do everything possible to detain the Duke."

But on July 2, Ambassador Stohrer to Ribbentrop:—

"The Foreign Minister informed me that the Duke of Windsor is travelling to Portugal today or tomorrow to confer there with the Duke of Kent...

"Windsor told the Foreign Minister that he would return to England only if his wife were recognised as a member of the Royal Family and if he were appointed to a military or civilian position of influence. The fulfilment of these conditions was practically out of the question.

"He intended therefore to return to Spain where the Spanish Government had offered him the Palace of the Caliph at Ronda as a residence for an indefinite period. Windsor has expressed himself to the Foreign Minister and other acquaintances in strong terms against Churchill and against this war."

As this nonsense was exchanged, the British Government announced—on July 9—that the Duke had been appointed Bahamas Governor.

'Arrest'

ON July 11 Ribbentrop tells of an alleged report from his Minister in Lisbon, Baron Oswald von Hoyningen-Huene, who still lives on the Estoril strip of coast outside Lisbon:—

"As Spaniards from among those around the Duke of Windsor have informed us confidentially.... the designation of the Duke as Governor of the Bahama Islands is intended to keep him far away from England, since his return would bring with it very strong encouragement to English friends of peace, so that his arrest at the instance of his opponents would be expected.

"The Duke intends to postpone his departure for the Bahama Islands as long as possible, at least until the beginning of August, in hope of a turn of events favourable to him.

'Good thing'

"HE is convinced that if he had remained on the throne war would have been avoided, and he characterises himself as a firm supporter of a peaceful arrangement with Germany.

"The Duke definitely believes that continued bombings would make England ready for peace."

But the baron, the supposed author of all this, admitted that he had never spoken to the Duke or even met him, although the Duke had by now reached Lisbon.

Ribbentrop cabled his ambassador in Spain:—

"We are especially interested in having the Duke return to Spain.

"At a suitable occasion in Spain the Duke must be informed that Germany wants peace with the English people, that the Churchill clique stands in the way of it, and that it would be a good thing if the Duke would hold himself ready.

"You will, at the proper time, receive more detailed instructions in the matter. The following will also serve to orient you personally:—

"(1) The Duke, according to information from Lisbon, is living at the home of a Portuguese banker, who is reported to be friendly to Germany.

"(2) A report has reached us today from a Swiss informant who has for many years had close connections with the English Secret Service to the effect that it is the plan of the English Secret Service, by sending the Duke to the Bahamas, to get him into English power in order to do away with him at the first opportunity."

A laugh

WE can pause there for a moment to have a good laugh at this last diseased fantasy—but to confirm that the Windsors were staying at the Estoril home of Dr Ricardo de Espirito Santo Silva, a Lisbon banker who may well have been friendly to the Germans. He died two years ago.

The explanation of how the Windsors came to be staying with Dr Silva was given by Sir Walford Selby, British Ambassador to Portugal at the time:—

"I was naturally ready to extend to the Duke and Duchess the hospitality of our embassy, but owing to the presence of thousands of refugees swarming through Lisbon the embassy was in a state of confusion.

"I went to the Palacio Hotel at Estoril and discussed the position with the manager and said I wanted comfortable accommodation.

"About two days afterwards the manager said he had a villa available. When the Duke and Duchess arrived I took them out to the villa—thinking it was an arrangement of the hotel's—to find Ricardo and his wife waiting to greet them as hosts!

"The Duchess said in her memoirs that I placed them into the hands of Ricardo Silva. I didn't feel disposed to put out any correction.

"There is no doubt about it that Silva was looking out for the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and grasped this opportunity. Silva was a terrific thruster."

Intrigue . . .

THUS, in July 1940, we leave the Duke and Duchess innocently in the hands of a man friendly to the enemy; with Germany certainly plotting to retain them; but with the boat calling to take them to the Bahamas....

In Madrid Ambassador Stohrer is as busy as can be seeing Franco's men....

There isn't the faintest chance that the Duke will pay the slightest attention to this "von Stroheim" atmosphere of intrigue.

But Ribbentrop will not give up.... As we shall see tomorrow. On this page.

The Estoril Story
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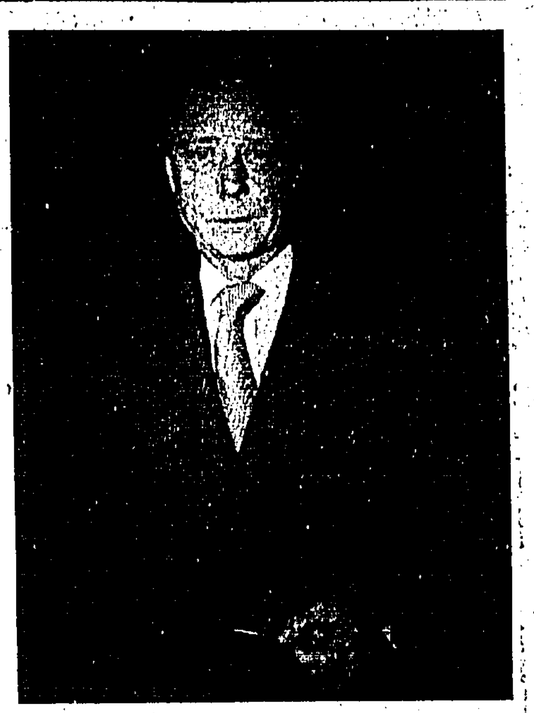

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, seen during a recent visit to London.

CHURCHILL, THE AGA KHAN AND BEAVERBROOK

THE WEB of intrigue spread out to involve the names of many personalities. The following extracts are taken from a letter from Prince Max Hohenlohe to Senior Counsel Walther Hewel, one of Hitler's personal staff. Date: July 25, 1940:—

AT the hotel where for years I have been spending some time in Switzerland, the Aga Khan does the same. During my last stay there I fell to talking with him. He asked me to convey to you his best regards and to tell you that he, and also his wife, are delighted to recall the days in Germany and that he will always remain grateful for the consideration accorded to him in general and especially on your part.

He asked me to convey to you the following with a request that you relay it to the Fuhrer. The Khedive of Egypt, who is also there, had agreed with him that on the day when the Fuhrer puts up for the night in Windsor, they would drink a bottle of champagne together.

He knew that the King of Egypt would do likewise with them, if he were present. If Germany or Italy were thinking of taking over India, he would place himself at our disposal to help in organising the country; he was counting for that on his well-known following and on several young maharajas. He asked expressly that this be transmitted.

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In his opinion the Fuhrer would attack England directly, yet he thought it would be easier and require less of an effort in German troops, material, and fewer losses to conquer Egypt then for an attack on England proper.

Trade in the Mediterranean could be made secure and now that the Weygand Army no longer existed, the individual nations on the eastward march would shake off the alien yoke.

Russia should be given every satisfaction, even with surrender of Istanbul and certain parts of India. In that way the oil would be shut off also.

Referring to England herself, he said that America's material war aid should not be overestimated, since England was lacking in trained manpower for the aircraft, etc., furnished.

England could soon be largely cut off from vital supplies. The struggle against England was not a struggle against the English people, but against the Jews.

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Churchill had been for years in their pay and the King was too weak and limited.

Lord Beaverbrook was the only man who had the courage, power, and standing to bring about a change in England, even against Churchill, since the latter had for a long time been in his pay.

He [the Aga] himself had always advised against war, but now it was too late,

NONSENSE says Aly Khan

IN PARIS the late Aga Khan's son Aly Khan described as "nonsensical" the German allegations that his father was sympathetic to Germany during the last war.

He added: "He fought all his life for England."

and if he were to go with these ideas to England Churchill would lock him up, despite his high rank in England and India.

He [the Aga] reverted to our talk at the time of the accession to power of the Fuhrer, when I was in England on invitation from the then Prince of Wales and the Aga Khan came to dinner.

He had seen Windsor as late as in April and the latter was thinking just as he was and was on close terms with Beaverbrook.

★ The documents give this footnote to the above letter: Prince Hohenlohe forwarded information to Hewel about an interview with the Aga Khan on December 9, 1940, but Hewel responded, on January 23, 1941, that while the Aga Khan's views were of interest, his financial interests were so bound up with the interests of Britain that he could hardly be used as a German "contact!"

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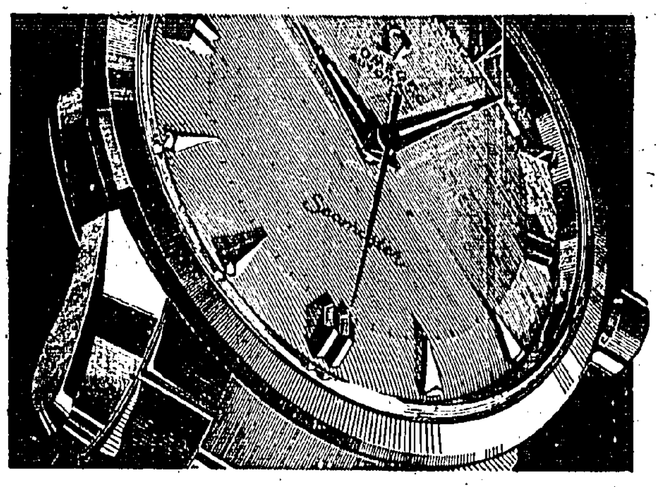

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"Safety Play" Causes South's Downfall

By OSWALD JACOBY

A LITTLE learning is a dangerous thing. South knew all about safety plays and as a result he succeeded in going down on a lay-down hand.

He won the opening club lead in his own hand and decided to guard against the possibility of all four trumps being in the East hand. Accordingly he led a low spade to dummy's queen. If West had shown out South planned to lead a second spade from dummy. East would play the jack or ten. South would win and get back to dummy with a second diamond. Then he would be able to pick up East's remaining trumps.

Unfortunately for South the spades broke so that the safety play was unnecessary. The game was duplicate and now South decided that he could not forgo

	NORTH	28
	♠ Q 4 3	
	♥ Q 9 7 6	
	♦ Q J 10	
	♣ 9 7 6	
WEST		EAST
♠ 6		♠ J 10 5
♥ K J 4		♥ A 10 8 5 3
♦ K 9 7 5 4 2		♦ 3
♣ Q 8 2		♣ J 10 5 4
	SOUTH (D)	
	♠ A K 9 8 7 2	
	♥ 2	
	♦ A 8 6	
	♣ A K 3	

Both vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♣ 2

the diamond finesse. He took it and West won with the king and promptly gave his partner a ruff. East might have crashed the ace of hearts but he was greedy and underled it. This put West in with the king and he led another diamond. East ruffed again and since declarer still had to lose a club he wound up down two tricks.

I have no serious quarrel with South's attempted trump safety play although it was a trifle far-fetched with this particular hand.

He should not have swapped horses in midstream. He had started to play safe so he should have continued by drawing trumps and giving up the diamond finesse.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠A K 7 6 5 ♥3 2 ♦J 8 7 ♣7 6 5
What do you do?

A—Pass. Seven bids are for suckers unless they appear sure fire.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
2 ♦	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠A 2 ♥J 9 7 6 5 ♦Q J 8 7 ♣Q 2
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World

"Agnes, I think he wants us to stop!"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE mellow tones of a road-drill in a little town the other day reminded me of a story told during the war by Mr D. B. Wyndham Lewis.

An opera singer was lunching in a restaurant, when suddenly a nearby siren began its howling. A less successful singer turned to the host and, indicating the diva, said, "You should hear her in 'Tosca.'"

The seesaw stars

O SIR,

On our eads is zaclothes and hashes. We ippologize with our noze nee-depe in the dust for scamin to int that yore kowntry doth not ippreeseate our hurt. Mister Hogwasch bath done us a kontrak which will kepe our hold muthers in Filthistan in the lighth of luxory for yeeres to kum. Wot O for shampane in bokketfulls, und ortergraffs for phans, and beeg mottah-kars, ho yes. The yotts is on-hus.

Ashura, Kazbulah and
Rizamughan.

p.s. See youeat the Rivvialrah.

An amazing achievement

WITH only the most modest fanfare of muted trumpets, two and a half miles of new road were declared open the other day; a miracle of planning and construction, which, in 1919, seemed impossible of achievement. Yet, in less than 40 years, all obstacles were overcome and an audacious dream became a staggering reality. This memorial to courage and persistence has led to the hope, freely expressed, that yet another gigantic project, a four-mile by-pass road, suggested this year, may come to fruition before the end of the century.

A new kind of jam

I READ that, on one of the roads out of London, the cars were "nose to nose for two miles." It cannot have been a coincidence that every car going south found itself halted by a car going north, and vice versa.

Among the new books

UP AND DOWN THE AMAZON.

By Paul Carpett.

(Fluff and Foxall: 42/-)

ANY value which this book might have as a chronicle of travel is marred by the tiresome presence of Mrs Carpett. Her fussing and her foolish chatter are recorded with agonising persistence, and the Amazon is hardly noticed. Nothing said by the garrulous lady could not have been said up and down the Cromwell-road. Mr Carpett's patience is a proof of his stupidity. One hopes that, in the promised sequel to this book, Mrs Carpett will remain at home. In fact one hopes that her husband will also remain at home, and that he will write no more books.

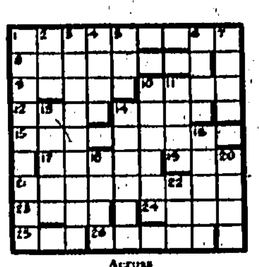
TARGET

U	A	L
S	G	A
O	N	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, *good*, 24 words, *very good*; 29 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Anil sonie caftan salt sarsal cant alps taels talas fast fat fall fain faint fanatic FANATICAL fatal fast first flan flat lats lain llama mail metal tail tain tale treat.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Trees, mast providers. (5-4)
8. He fitted up many a knight-errant. (6)
9. Mountain of Africa. (5)
10. Usee otherwise. (4)
12. Over this, and you may want to 17 Across. (4)
14. Satan's end. (4)
16. Wipe a port anagram. (9)
17. Four D Jones for instance. (8)
19. Edward is not so formal. (3)
21. Help on tee (anag.). (9)
23. Paradise. (4)
24. This up means confesses. (4)
25. Russian. (3)
26. How to park not on even dates? (5)

Down

1. This runs away with the grime—we hope! (4-5)
2. Time in Teheran. (3)
3. Melted somehow round the bat. (9) 4. Shooting horse. (4)
5. Colour. (3)
6. Forest enclosure. (4)
7. Spoon's runaway companion. (4)
10. She was a Greek poetess. (6)
11. One of the army. (4)
13. Pleased, but not at first. (5)
14. Camera upholder. (6)
18. Pound at the start of 20 Down. (5)
18. Divorce town. (4)
20. Penny for the river—and write on it. (4)
22. Night auditor. (3)

B	I	T	I	G	L	E								
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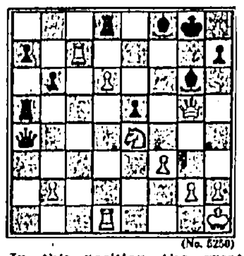
Yesterday's solution

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



(No. 5250)

In this position the great American master Fine (White to move) forced the win brilliantly; how?

Solution No. 5249: 1 K—R8 (waiting). Several close tries, e.g. 1 Kt—B8, Q—Q6, or 1 B—Q3, Q—KR8, or 1 B—KKt2, P×Kt.

London Express Service

WOMANSENSE

HOLIDAY FASHIONS AT A GLANCE

BEACH CLOTHES ON THE RIVIERA INSPIRED BY CHINESE DRESSES...

Paris.

COLOURFUL new holiday clothes, taking inspiration from beach-comber and fisherman's outfits, Venetian gondoliers and Chinese coolies, are all the fashion on the French Riviera.

The world's most famous playground is crowded this year with sun-worshippers, setting trends in frivolous and gay fashions for holiday living.

Along the miles of rocky red beaches against the turquoise sea, the minimum amount of covering sets the maximum style trend. The briefest Bikini, long predicted to be only a passing fad, has become the neo-classic garment. This summer, new ruffled and frilled brassieres and trunks, borrowed from Can Can panties, look pretty on lithe and suntanned figures. Tiny pleated skirts in permanently pleated fabrics go with many new bathing suits, while the short pleated skirt with attached panties in the same fabric, is likewise popular for tennis and other active sports.

The minority of one-piece bathing suits show trends towards deep back decolletes in slim, form-fitting styles, with abbreviated skirt in front. There is a noticeable increase in the boned corselette type of suit.

GONDOLIER'S HATS

Swimsuit fabrics include many of the stretchable fullies and nylon satins, cotton poplins and tergal crepes. Prints star bright colours in scattered and all-over effects, with motifs inspired by nature and outdoor living. One of the most exotic models, seen on a moonlight bather, is a figure-moulding suit made entirely of gold and silver sequins, overlapping to resemble fish scales.

In beach accessories, Italian straw imports take the top honours, sun hats copied from Venetian gondoliers, often pair-ed with the boatmen's authentic striped canvas jacket. There are floppy-brimmed, peak crown Pinocchio hats, and clown and dunce caps, mated to bulky, rough woven straw tote bags and barefoot sandals in bright flag colours.

Bold over-size accessories and eccentric beach costumes are the keynote of **Jacques Heim's** resort collection of which many models are now being seen at the smart bathing places. Heim's all-in-one cape-short costume, cut in one piece with deep bat wing armholes, and devoid of any fit through the waistline, is a popular model. "Violleres" is the name of Heim's new beach coats, worn over bathing suits. They are cut full and short to mid-thigh length and made of transparent sheer fabrics like cotton voile.

FRIVOLITY THE KEYNOTE

Other beach coveralls, mainly designed by the group of Cote d'Azur sportswear creators, are inspired by slender split side Chinese dresses, or bulky Mexican ponchos, made of striped terry cloth or turkish toweling.

In the holiday atmosphere, frivolity is the keynote, and women are giving free reign to a fantasy which finds no place in daily life. Head covering is necessary, both as protection against the sun and to tame wind-blown water-soaked locks. Svend of Jacques Heim has created voluminous new turbans for the beach in woven raffia or printed cotton, inspired by the headgear of Central African natives.

Sports car fashions have evolved a new way of draping the large silk or cotton scarf. The classic triangular kerchief is no longer knotted under the chin. Instead, the ends are twisted and tied back over the kerchief point at the nape of the neck after the manner of Sophia Loren in the role of a Grecian island sponge diver in the new film, "Boy on a Dolphin." With a trend towards longer hair, many pert teenagers have acquired the neatly coiffed look, with tight pigtails bound at the ends with fresh flowers.

Three specific needs stand out in the wardrobe of the Riviera-bound holiday-makers; first there is the beachwear and active sport clothes; next a veritable trouser wardrobe for use throughout the day, and finally a selection of pretty decollete midsummer dresses for dining and party going after dark.

Trousers are in the limelight on all lengths, from little boy shorts (or the replacement by the brief kilted skirt) to mid-calf "Jamaican" lengths, with "surfers," "waders" and finally full-length, tapered slacks. Rugged looking, tailored trousers in any of the new fabric trends like faded pink denim, cyclamen coloured canvas "blue" jeans, white ducks, or roughly loomed linens which look like hemp, are contrasted with frilled and ruffled skirts, such as the flounce-sleeved Mexican blouse in white handkerchief cotton, or the demure Gibson girl shirtwaist.

STRIKING EFFECT

After living in sports clothes all day, the "Riviera trend" becomes almost aggressively feminine after dark. The bevy of pretty Casino and short dancing dresses seen on the Hotel Carlton Terrace at Cannes for the late cocktail hour every evening epitomise the season's fashions. Among them, the sleeveless dress, with deep rounded decollete, destined to play up an important suntan, takes precedence. Full skirts, with petticoats, are more in evidence than sheaths. Floral prints bloom everywhere, in light pastel toned sweetpea shades in both sheer silks and cottons. Floral cottons worked in padded quilting look new both for the skirts of separates and for dresses.

Sheers, and lace get top priority in the more formal dresses. Especially effective, with daringly decollete, slim slips, often in a contrasting colour, under high necked dresses. One of the most striking ideas seen at the Carlton was a white satin sheath, under a gunmetal grey dinner dress with harem hemline.

To "summer-ise" the wardrobe, furs are left at home in mothballs. The mink or fox wrap looks as wrong with vaporous garden party dresses as shorts in city streets. White woollen shawls are almost a uniform accessory this summer, while many dining and dancing dresses have their own long straight stoles made of matching fabric.

COLOUR SCALE

Among other fashion notes from the Riviera are; the trend towards lilac, parma violet, and all the pale lavender shades, emerging as the leading colour scale of the season; the numerous expectant mothers wearing highly styled dresses cut in wide gores, falling free from a scooped-out bateau neckline to a wide parasole hemline, and finally, the newest trend in masculine fashion, the white pique dinner jacket worn with matching waffle or novelty weave pique shirt, with black tie and black or midnight blue trousers.—China Mail Special.

Household Hints

Paint and varnish brushes seldom wear out. Instead, most of them are ruined through neglect in cleaning. Brushes can be cleaned in the same liquid used to thin the finishing material. That is, a shellac brush should be cleaned with alcohol; a varnish brush in turpentine or linseed oil.

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Don't try to scrape hardened starch off the sole plate of your electric iron. Wait until the iron is cool, then wash starch off with a soapy cloth, rinse with a clean damp cloth and wipe dry.

Never, of course, put the iron in water.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ....By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

BORN today, you are energetic and forceful in everything you do. Since yours is a many-sided nature, you have a varied group of interests and you are always a busy person, indeed. Your ideas are always well ahead of your execution of them. Actually, you might be well-advised to sit still for a while and figure out what you should do next. Otherwise you may waste a lot of physical and mental energy.

As a youth, you probably will be interested in active, outdoor sports, but as you grow older, you may settle for a good, long daily walk! You are a good organiser and supervisor and should be placed in charge of projects which take vision and the executive skills to carry them to a successful conclusion. You men may be attracted to politics and, by making full use of your talents, might become a statesman who will leave your mark upon the times in which you live.

You also have an interest in science, and since you are original and inventive, you may develop something highly constructive. You have a talent for being able to handle people as well as manipulating events and are often sought after to give help during an emergency. You are always able to think up something better than that which actually exists.

Magnetic and attractive to members of the opposite sex, you should have a happy and contented marriage. Loyal and sincere, you will make a splendid marriage partner and parent.

Among those born on this date were: Bishop Francis Asbury, churchman; Valentine Mott, noted surgeon; Samuel L. Mitchell, scientist; John M. Niles, statesman; Edgar A. Guest and Robert Herrick, poets; Benjamin G. Harrison, U.S. President, and William Rutherford Mead, architect.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)—Domestic and public affairs are likely to join forces and turn up with an issue which needs solving.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Act in matters involving neighbourhood and community affairs which may also directly affect your family group.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Good fortune attends all business and financial dealings today. Make excellent arrangements for your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Public interests should be taken under consideration at this time. A family trip also may prove interesting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Partnership business affairs involving financial arrangements should be taken into consideration now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Combine domestic and public affairs pleasantly. Perhaps your club plans a picnic; give your support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Morning hours call for calm and wise decisions. Then act progressively in line with your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Unusual advantages may open up for you in the form of a new job or an advance in the one you hold.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Good fortune is on your side, especially if you are planning to set out upon a journey. Plan social evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Display a little more than the normal complement of caution today if you want all to go smoothly.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Afternoon and evening are fine if you have managed to resolve uncertainties before lunchtime comes around.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—The aspects are distinctly in your favour today, so make this a time to accomplish something really important.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Ten Important Minutes

—What Teddy Did With Them Surprised His Friends—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, came running up to Knarf, the Shadow with the turned-about name, and plopped down next to him, on the back steps of the house. He was all out of breath.

"I certainly was busy this afternoon," Teddy said.

Knarf looked over at the fat little bear. "You couldn't have been very busy," Knarf said.

Only Ten Minutes

"That's right," said Hiawatha, the Wooden Indian Boy, as he came out from under the steps (where he had been hunting beetles and spiders) and joined his two friends. "I can tell by the shadow of the sun on the end of your nose that you were only away for ten minutes."

"But I was very busy," protested Teddy. "You two fellows can't imagine how much work I did."

"All right, Teddy," said Knarf as he winked at Hiawatha, "just tell us what work you did."

Teddy took a deep breath and replied: "I planted a tree, I built a bridge, I moved a river and I saved someone's life."

Knarf and Hiawatha now looked at Teddy in amazement.

"Teddy! You couldn't have done all those things!" Knarf gasped. "It's impossible!"

Heap Big Fib

"You are telling heap big fib," said Hiawatha.

"But I did do all those things," said Teddy.

"All right," said Knarf, who really didn't believe a word of all this, "what about that tree you said you planted? What kind of a tree was it?"

"It was an oak tree," said Teddy. "But it only took a minute to plant. I found an acorn. I made a hole in the ground and dropped the acorn in it. Then I covered up the hole. When the acorn grows, I'll have an oak tree. That's how I planted the tree."

Knarf and Hiawatha nodded.

"And now tell about the bridge you built," Hiawatha said.

"Well," said Teddy, "after I planted the oak tree, I found a Snail trying to cross a river made by the rain last night. It ran right across the path where the Snail was going and he couldn't get to the other side. It wasn't a very wide river for me, but it was very wide for the Snail. So I laid a twig across from one side to the other and the Snail slid across it. And that's how I built the bridge."

Again Knarf and Hiawatha nodded.

"But what about the river, Teddy?" said Knarf. "You said you moved it."

"And I did," said Teddy. "It was the same rain river, only it was running right into a Beetle's house. The Beetle lived under a rock. His whole house was getting flooded. He was so unhappy—and so wet—that he was about to move with his whole family.

"'Just stay where you are,' I said. 'I'll move the river away from your house.'

Saved A Sparrow

"So I got some earth and piled it up around the Beetle's house like a wall and the river ran right around the Beetle's house instead of down into it. That's how I moved the river."

Knarf and Hiawatha couldn't help agreeing that so far, at any rate, Teddy seemed to be telling the truth.

"But whose life did you save?" Knarf and Hiawatha wanted to know.

Teddy answered: "A Sparrow's life. He was standing on the grass. A Cat was just about to spring on him. I shouted, 'Watch out!' and saved the Sparrow."

It was all really quite extraordinary that a fat little bumbling Teddy Bear should be able to plant a tree, build a bridge, move a river and save a life, all in ten minutes.

Knarf and Hiawatha really felt proud of their friend Teddy!

It was pleasant to know that the Beetle and his family didn't have a flooded house and the Snail was helped across the river. But it was even more wonderful to think that one day a great oak tree, many times bigger than Teddy, would grow in the spot where Teddy had planted the acorn.

"And listen!" cried Hiawatha. "There's that Sparrow you saved, Teddy! Can't you hear him chirping?"

The Snail crossed Teddy's bridge.

Rupert and the Old Hat—45

The birds fly around Rupert all the way to the shops but he is very firm with them. "You've nothing to complain of now," he declares. "I've made Mrs. Cuckoo a nest of her own and she and Mr. Cuckoo are trying to learn how to bring up their own family. So go away and don't grumble." Soon he is carrying his Mummy's basket home. "I still can't think how you made that nest," says Mrs. Bear. "And I can't think what Daddy will think of your escapade." "We can find out now," says Rupert. "Here he is."

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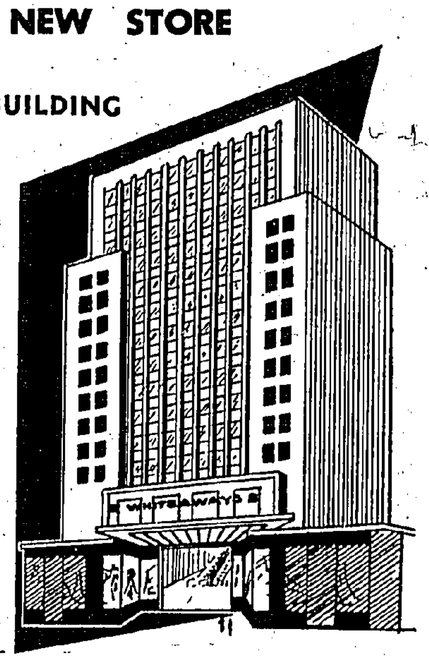

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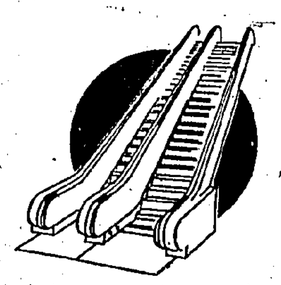

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SURREY SHOW NO SIGNS OF SLACKENING PACE

But Bid For Another Two-Day Victory Fails

London, Aug. 19.

Surrey, though assured of the County Cricket Championship, showed no signs of slackening the pace when they gained a winning position over Middlesex at Lord's today.

With Alec Bedser taking three wickets in four balls, Surrey seemed to be heading for their ninth two-day victory of the season, but they were thwarted by two young batsmen, A. C. Walton, the Oxford University captain, and Fred Titmus.

Both made half centuries—Titmus 54 and Walton 52 not out—but at the close Middlesex still needed 152 to win with only four wickets left on a difficult pitch.

Gloucestershire had to battle all the way for a two wickets victory over Yorkshire. After spinner Bruce Wells had taken six for 53 to dismiss Yorkshire for 118, Gloucestershire's task of making 69 seemed easy but they lost eight wickets—six to Johnny Wardle for 25—before scoring the winning run.

A MASTERPIECE

Allan Watkins and Don Shepherd were mainly responsible for Glamorgan's 91-run win over Worcestershire. Watkins' 81 in Glamorgan's second innings was a masterpiece on a turning pitch. Then Shepherd with four for 26—match figures of nine for 61—helped to dismiss Worcestershire for 104.

Bruce Dooland, the Australian all-rounder, scored his first century (115 not out) for Nottinghamshire today. His stand of 163 with Cyril Poole (88) enabled Notts to lead Sussex with three wickets to spare. Dooland's century took three and a quarter hours and included one six and twelve fours.

Geoff Pullar, 59 not out, salvaged Lancashire's second innings after four wickets had fallen for 46. He and Bond (47) took the score to 118 without further loss — enough to avoid an innings defeat.

THE RESULTS

At Cheltenham, Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by two wickets. Yorkshire 133 and 118 (Wells six for 43). Gloucestershire 183 and 69 for eight (Wardle six for 25). Gloucestershire 14 points).

At Cardiff, Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 91 runs. Glamorgan 155 and 183 (Watkins 81). Worcestershire 143 (Shepherd five for 37) and 104 (Glamorgan 12 points).

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Manchester, Lancashire 89 and 118 for four (Pullar 59 not out). Hampshire 163. Rain curtailed play.

At Lord's, Surrey 178 and 207 (E. Bedser 65). Middlesex 100 and 134 for six (Titmus 54, Walton 52 not out).

At Dover, Kent 214 and 58 for three. Northamptonshire 185 (Subba Row 70).

At Worthing, Sussex 295 and 94 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 296 for seven declared (Poole 88, Dooland 115 not out).

At Chesterfield, Derbyshire 192 and 15 for one. Somerset 334 (Silk 73, Tremlett 81).

At Southend, Essex 223 and 137 for four (Taylor 70 not out). Warwickshire 197 (Leach 67, Ralph four for 17).—Reuter.

Canadian & U.S. Amateur Golf Championships

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.

Alan Thirwell, a former English Champion, led the field with a five under par 67 in the first qualifying round for the Canadian Amateur Golf Championship here today.

He was two strokes ahead of four players who were all on 169. They were Irishman Joe Carr, Gary Cowan, 19-year-old Canadian Junior Champion, and two Vancouver players, Douglas Bajus and Bert Tiechurst.

A second qualifying round will be played tomorrow, and the leading 64 will go forward to the match play competition proper beginning on Wednesday.—Reuter.

AT SACRAMENTO

California, Aug. 19.

Judy Eller, 16-year-old American Junior Champion, caused the biggest upset in the first round of the United States Women's Amateur Golf Championship here today when she beat Miss Grace Lenczyk, 1948 winner.

Miss Eller won 6 and 4.—Reuter.

Giants Moving To San Francisco Next Year

New York, Aug. 19.

New York Giants, five times World Series Baseball Champions and National League winners 17 times, today decided to move to San Francisco next year, subject to certain formalities being completed.

The reason for the change is that the Giants, one of three major baseball clubs in New York, have been losing money. San Francisco opens up the prospect of a new and prosperous era in a region which has no major team.

"If the Giants leave, Manhattan Island will be without a National League side for the first time in 75 years.

Another New York side, Brooklyn Dodgers, may later be moving to Los Angeles.—Reuter.

Better Than Yorkshire In The 'Thirties?

SURREY IS THE TOUGHEST AND BEST CRICKET SIDE I HAVE EVER SEEN

Says BRUCE DOOLAND

After five years with Nottinghamshire I am going back home to Australia in October...for good. But if rumours are seeping your way suggesting that there has been anything wrong or unhappy between me and the Notts club squash them fast. I couldn't have had a pleasanter bunch of people to work for, and with, anywhere in the world.

The club offered me a renewal of contract and I turned it down the other week purely and simply for domestic reasons. What so many people do not realise is that we cricketers have families, and family life, to consider. I have three youngsters growing up. The eldest boy is 11 and both my wife and I feel it would be the right thing to get back home now and see him through his schooling without further interruption. We have another boy of seven and the little girl is two.

Our plan is to go back to my home town of Adelaide where I hope to get a reasonable sort of job. I used to work in a bank out there but I don't think I shall be going back to that. Whether I play State cricket again depends on whether they want me. I'd like to, of course, but you've got to wait till you are picked before you can say what you will or will not do.

I'm going to miss county cricket tremendously. I've enjoyed every minute of the last five years with Notts for in this game here in England you meet such a lot of fine people and fine players. It's been hard work. In one of the papers the other day I saw it recorded that I have taken over 700 wickets since I joined the County side. In anybody's language that means hard work. Especially as I've been fortunate enough to complete the double twice, and miss it twice more by a mere handful of runs.

But one never minds hard work when one enjoys it. If the decision were purely to please me I would have renewed that Notts contract like a flash. But a family man has other responsibilities and my trip home is in line of duty to meet them.

BEST EVER?

I have been going back over the years and I reckon Surrey is the toughest and best cricketing side I have seen—Test team excepted. Not long ago I see that Brian Sellars, that spirited former Yorkshire captain, said that he felt that the new Surrey even had the edge on the fabulous Yorkshire side which took seven of the Championships of the 'thirties. And when you remember that that was the side with names like Wilfred Rhodes, Hedley Verity, Maurice Leyland and Herbert Sutcliffe running through it, names that are now legends, it is quite a compliment.

I have been thinking particularly of the Australian State sides I have known. When Ray Lindwall, Bill O'Reilly and Ernie Toshack were bowling in the New South Wales side just at the end of the war they were a pretty tough proposition. Victoria, too, have had some useful teams from time to time.

But, for balanced power on all wickets I hand the palm to the present Surrey side. Their bowling, of course, is the main key—top-class pace to start from Alec Bedser and Peter Loader, then world-class spin to follow from Jim Laker, Tony Lock and, too often forgotten, Eric Bedser.

Making that lot even better, of course, is Test standard fielding and, led by Peter May, batting good enough and bold enough to undermine the confidence of the bowling attack.

One point about the Surrey fielding impressed me—not altogether favourably either—when we met them recently. And that is their spectacular new habit of crowding the batsman with fielders right up to the bat.

As a psychological weapon it may be good enough. It might frighten the nervous man quite a bit. But I think it can be overdone. Mike Stewart put three catches down during our match, purely and simply because he was too near to get even a sight of the ball. If he had been two yards back he would have swallowed them all.

But then, how can one really criticise fielding in a team which is about to win its sixth Championship in a row? Peter May, and Stuart Surridge before him, must have weighed it all up very carefully and decided that their policy takes more catches than it misses.

SUICIDE SQUAD

Another factor, of course, is the influence a suicide field has on the bowler. When a captain posts men right under the bat the bowler simply has to concentrate and pitch on the spot. Otherwise somebody will get killed.

When I am bowling I would rather have my fielders that two yards deeper and be more certain of having the chancer held. That again, of course, is an acceptance of the fact that no leg-spinner can pitch accurately enough to have a real suicide squad round the bat, whereas Surrey's orthodox world-class right and left arm spinners can.

Talking of the dangers of close fielding brings me to the growing dangers of the no sight screen habit which seems to be spreading. I know that if you do away with the sight screens you can get more seats in and more money into the kitty. But I am wondering if it is worth it.

The Yorkshire Test grounds have done away with their screens. There is not one at the Oval and only one, at the nursery end, at Lord's. Here and there about the country other clubs are following the pattern and the sight screen is becoming the forgotten essential of cricket.

I think that that is a mistake. With bowlers as fast as Tyson and as hostile with the bouncer as Trueman and Loader, somebody is going to get hurt. For there is nothing more difficult to pick out than a cricket ball moving fast against the background of a crowd or a pavilion. The sight screens must come back.

COACHING HINT:

When you play the hook shot the first movement to get into position is to move your right foot back into the wicket so that you get behind the line of the ball. If you are not in position you can't hit properly. Your feet must move—quickly and in the right direction. Never fall away to hook—you'll only get hurt.

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TENNIS

Two Aussie Stars Face Possible Suspension

Melbourne, Aug. 19.

The Lawn Tennis Association of Australia last night warned Mervyn Rose and Don Candy that they face possible suspension.

The two Aussie tennis stars were instructed not to receive expenses from any tennis tournament committee after the completion of the Wimbledon Championships, July 6, but since then they have been touring and playing in lesser tournaments.

Association officials are to warn the two players that if they continued to compete in unauthorised tournaments they are liable to have their amateur status suspended.

Both are expected to return home soon as a result of the warning.—United Press.

BASEBALL

Last Minute Starter Breaks Batting Slump

New York, Aug. 19.

Catcher Tim Thompson, a last-minute starter, broke an 0 for 42 batting slump with a run-producing single today as Tom Gorman's four-hitter gave the Kansas City Athletics a 1-0 win over the Cleveland Indians.

Thompson's sixth-inning hit scored Bob Cerv, who had singled and stolen second base and handed the Indian loss to Ray Narleski. Narleski allowed only five blows.

Gorman, who brought his record to 3-7, allowed only one extra base hit, Gene Woodling's fourth-inning double. He struck out three hitters and walked four in registering his second Major League shutout.

Kansas City first baseman Vic Power snuffed out Cleveland's lone scoring threat when he made a brilliant stop of Bobby Avila's fourth-inning grounder and threw to the plate on his knees to retire Woodling.

SORE SHOULDER

Athletics manager Harry Craft installed Thompson, a .104 hitter, behind the plate at game time when announced-starter Hal Smith complained of a sore shoulder. The setback was Narleski's third against nine victories.

It was the only game scheduled in the Majors today. Other teams were travelling today, and tomorrow the Eastern American League teams play in the West, while Western National Leaguers play in the East.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland ..... 000 000 000—0—4—0
Kansas City ... 000 001 00x—1—5—0
Narleski (9-13) and Nixon; Gorman (7-5) and Thompson.—United Press.

WORLD TITLE FIGHT

Robinson-Basilio May Draw Million Dollar Gate

New York, Aug. 19.

A million-dollar (£357,000 sterling) gate is anticipated when 'Sugar Ray' Robinson, still the most colourful boxer in the United States, defends his World Middleweight title against Welterweight Champion Carmen Basilio at the Yankee Stadium on September 23.

This prediction is being made by box office officials less than a fortnight after the opening of advance bookings.

"It looks like being a million dollars, and topping the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore figure," said an official.

The Marciano-Moore bout in in September, 1955, drew 948,-117 dollars (£338,000 sterling) paid by 61,574 people. Theatre television added a further 285,-000 dollars (£101,700 sterling) to that total.

Both Robinson and Basilio trained to capacity crowds of up to 700 at their respective training camps over the weekend.—China Mail Special.

JIM LAKER PROTESTS ABOUT THE LACK OF FIRST CLASS GAMES IN AUGUST

By ARCHIE QUICK

Jim Laker, the England and Surrey spin bowler, has protested in a national newspaper that when London is full of visitors in August, Lord's is devoid of first class games—empty except for the matches between Schools and Services. He points out that from July 24 until the end of the season in September, there are only three first class fixtures at the St John's Wood headquarters of the game — Middlesex v Leicestershire, Surrey and Worcestershire.

Laker feels that hundreds of visitors to the Metropolis from Oversens and the provinces would like the attraction of County Championship games, and that the calendar should be altered. That the traditional games of Eton v Harrow, Clifton v Malvern, Army v Royal Navy or Royal Air Force, Royal Engineers v Royal Artillery and Beaumont v Oratory should be supplanted by Middlesex versus someone or the other. He adds that too many of the big games — Sussex v Middlesex, Kent v Hampshire, Nottinghamshire v Surrey are traditionally played out of Town on the holiday occasions of Whitsun and August.

Now may I have my own personal grumble. The Football Association list of full International fixtures for 1957-58, just published, shows that annual gap of no matches between England v France at Wembley on November 27 and Scotland v England at Hampden Park on April 19!

If we are going to play International games with the intention of winning them let us have some continuity. The England eleven will be got together to play Wales at Cardiff on October 19 and Ireland at Wembley on November 27. It can reasonably be expected that they will begin to know each other's play by the time of the French match if there are no drastic alterations—and there is no reason now why there should be. But then come five months in which the players will not see each other—except in opposition—and the time lag can cause wholesale fluctuations of form.

WORLD CUP SERIES

It could easily be that a "new" team will face up to Scotland compared with the early season combination. What is so important is that immediately after the Scottish game Uruguay or Spain or Argentine or Portugal have to be faced at Wembley, there is a tour to Yugoslavia and Russia, and then right on top of that comes the World Cup series in Sweden from June 6 to 19.

One feels that the team chosen for the Wales, Ireland and France matches in October and November should be given practice together throughout the season. The League clubs affected will scream, but I cannot see it will do them any harm so long as their players are fit.

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What a puckish genius is this fellow Denis Compton! With his permission, let me tell you the real reason why he was one-and-a-half hours late fielding for Middlesex against Sussex at Hove on the first day of the match. Ninety minutes was quite something even for this unpunctual gentleman—or is it player? In a previous match he had triumphed with one of his most brilliant centuries against Essex at the re-opening game on the Leyton ground.

The last day of the three was his seventh wedding anniversary, so he put on his bow tie and dinner jacket in the dressing rooms and, with his beautiful South African wife, went straight to see that cricket enthusiast David Tomlinson act in the West End comedy "Dear Delinquent."

Afterwards there was a club party, and Denis admits to getting to bed at 6 a.m. at his Gerrards Cross (Bucks) home. Something went wrong with the alarm clock; then there was the long drive to the Sussex coast; and the holiday traffic to cope with. Dear delinquent, indeed!

Denis went on the field, and sprawled over the first cover drive he attempted to stop. So Bill Edrich put him on to bowl. In his first three overs he took two wickets for one run, he dismissed prolific Jimmy Parks when he was 60, and he came on again after tea and took two more wickets in his first over for none! Five for 40, four of them leg before wicket. That was genius.

VERY POPULAR

He bowled his "googlie"—the left arm ball that goes away from the bat — to dismiss the Rev. David Sheppard in the slips; and his "Chinaman"—the delivery that comes in from the off—had that other great Light Blue batsman, Hubert Doggart, lbw with his bat held aloft. Add Parks and you cannot say Compton's wickets were cheap ones. Three England men there completely fooled. He secured five more victims in the second innings for a match aggregate of ten for 111. No wonder he said: "When I go on to bowl here generally I am very popular. This time it is different"!

This was not the form of a man on the brink of retirement. The doctors' orders about "The Knee" are inexorable, but now Denis has a nagging doubt about whether he has the strength of mind to break completely with the game. His alternatives are league cricket, occasional games with Middlesex as an amateur or carefree club cricket. "When the sun shines and I am going well", he told me, "I find it hard to agree with my doctors who are adamant."

Three of his second innings wickets were "caught and bowled" — a pointer to his sprightliness and deception. By the way: he was also top scorer with 44 in the second innings!

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Fulham Football Club ponder regretfully over the break-up of their great inside forward trio. Not so very long ago they were offered £60,000 for Johnny Haynes, Bobby Robson and Bedford Jezzard. Only Haynes remains.

True, Jezzard is still on the books, but his future is problematical and with the scales heavily weighted against his playing again. True also that £17,000 was obtained from West Bromwich Albion for Robson, but it was "no good" money, for an adequate replacement has never been obtained. The club would rather have promotion.

Yet it is not the attack which has been general manager Mr Frank Osborne's biggest worry. Defence has let him down time and again. The weakness was largely rectified when Jim Langley was obtained from Brighton and Hove Albion. He not only plays well, says Mr Osborne, but the others are infected with his enthusiasm.

MORE MATCHES

It is upon the consolidation of the defence through the arrival of Langley that team manager Duggie Livingstone bases his optimism for the coming season. "Langley in defence, Haynes in attack are our keystones, and I think our success will depend greatly upon young Dwight getting among the goals again. It is going to be a hard Second Division to win this season with Charlton and Cardiff among us, not to mention Blackburn and Liverpool, but I think we shall win more matches than we lose."

West Ham United are another club who promise so much and fulfil so little—just like Fulham. Time and again they have threatened to gain promotion, but here they are the "oldest inhabitants" of the Second Division. It is a profound thought that they have never risen to the First Division since they were relegated 25 years ago.

No keener manager exists than Mr Ted Fenton. He has found good players, he has bought good players, he trains with them and brings new ideas to his coaching—like his brother Ben at Colchester—but still West Ham just do not click. "No prophecies this time", Ted said to me, "but I am still dedicated' to winning promotion."

Over the river at Charlton, Manager Jimmy Trotter is relying upon the players "who were not good enough for the First Division last season being too good for the Second Division." There are no additions to the relegation staff of any note, but said Mr Trotter: "If we can play as well as we did before Christmas we should be alright."

U.S. TENNIS TOURNEY

A Fast Start By Davis Cup Youngsters

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, Aug. 19.

Sixth-seeded Mike Green and Mike Franks, America's Davis Cup youngsters, got off to a fast start today in the opening round of the 77th annual US Doubles Championships today by blasting an unseeded local team at the Longwood Cricket Club.

The two collegians easily advanced by ousting John E. Lunch of Brookline, Massachusetts, and Chauncy D. Steel of Cambridge, Massachusetts, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

They were joined in the second round by Britain's two fine men, Mike Davies and Bob Wilson. Fifth-seeded in the week-long tournament, the newly crowned Newport Champions knocked out Jack Bushman of Montgomery, Alabama, and James Shaeffer of St. Petersburg, Florida, 6-2, 6-4, 9-7.

England also placed two teams of its strong women's contingent in the second round. However, young Mimi Arnold of Redwood City, California, and Mrs Baba Lewis of Newton, Massachusetts, gave third-seeded Englishwomen Shirley Bloomer and Sheila Armstrong a stiff fight before bowing, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Ann Haydon and 16-year-old Christine Truman, the fourth-seeded Britishers, eased by Miss Leigh Hay and Miss Alex Hufty, both of Washington, DC., 6-2, 6-2.

Defending champions Louise Brough and Mrs Margaret Osborne Du Pont won by default and their expected strongest rivals, Wimbledon winner Althea Gibson and Darlene Hard, drew a first-round bye.—United Press.

Nunthorpe Stakes

London, Aug. 20.

Five probable runners and jockeys for the Nunthorpe Stakes, to be run over five furlongs at 1330 GMT today (HKT 2230) at York are: Vigo (L. Piggott), Gratitude (W. Snaith), Right Boy (E. Wise), Ennis (W. H. Carr), and Anchovy (E. Mercer).—China Mail Special.

HOME SOCCER

Glasgow, Aug. 19.

Rangers beat Celtic 2-0 in the first round of the Glasgow Football Cup here tonight.—Reuter.

Swimming Grandmother Fails To Beat Lake Ontario

Toronto, Aug. 19.

Mrs Rosita Tanner, 44, the swimming grandmother from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, was pulled from Lake Ontario tonight less than two miles from the Toronto shoreline, sinking her ambition to be the second woman to swim the 32-mile lake.

Mrs Tanner entered the water at Niagara-On-The-Lake at 9 p.m. last night and had completed all but three miles of the gruelling 32 miles at 7.30 tonight.

The last three miles are the most treacherous of the whole swim as cross-currents and undertow can carry a swimmer well off course.

At 7.30 Mrs Tanner had been reported in good condition and swimming at 40 to 45 strokes a minute.

The Swiss-born grandmother was ordered from the water by trainer Fred Moore when she was unable to continue the struggle after taking a short rest.

She was in considerable pain when she was taken into the accompanying boat, apparently suffering from cramp. Earlier Mrs Tanner had complained the water was getting colder. She had been in the water 23½ hours.

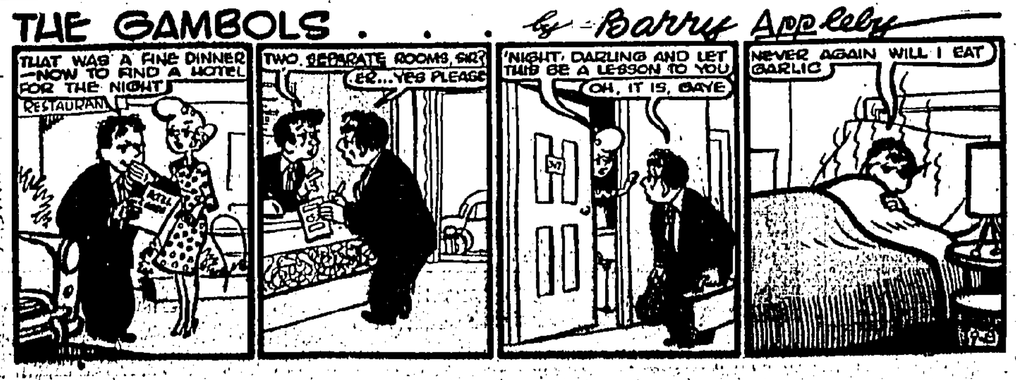
HER FIFTH BID

Her attempt began when she entered the water at Niagara-on-the-Lake to start her fifth bid to swim the 32 miles to Toronto. It was her third attempt this year and her closest to success.

Only three persons have completed the gruelling swim: Marilyn Bell of Toronto, who became the first to cross the Lake as a 16-year-old schoolgirl; England's Britain Tinnes and John Arpin of Toronto.

The white-haired grandmother of two had planned her efforts by working in the mile mile where she lived.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



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LIGHTNING CENTURY BY FRANK WORRELL

Leicester, Aug. 19.

A lightning century by Frank Worrell and brilliant bowling by left arm spinner Alf Valentine, who took six wickets for eight runs, placed the West Indies in sight of a certain easy victory over Leicestershire here today.

When play ended because of bad light just before the scheduled close, Leicestershire still needed 227 runs to avoid an innings defeat and had only two tail-end wickets left.

Scores were:— Leicestershire 75 and 59 for eight. West Indies 361 for seven declared.

MORALE BOOSTER

The performance of the West Indies side today must have been a great morale booster with the fifth Test against England opening at the Oval in London on Thursday.

Worrell made 104 in 105 minutes, hitting four mighty sixes and ten fours before he trod on his wicket when trying to combat a high full toss from Leicestershire captain Charlie Palmer.

Rohan Kanhai got within eight runs of his first tour century when dismissed by a similar Palmer delivery and Gerry Alexander also fell to Palmer for 83. Then Valentine struck to make a great day for the tourists.

Valentine bowled 12.4 overs, of which seven were maidens.

The ball turned a little for him but only slowly. Most of the Leicestershire batsmen were too leaden-footed to get to the pitch of the ball when driving with the result that Worrell took two catches at short mid-off and another at forward short leg.

Only a few overs should be necessary to give the West Indies victory tomorrow.—Reuter.

Colony To Meet Cambodia In Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 19.

A week-long Independence Day Soccer Tournament will open here on August 31 with teams from Hongkong, Malaya, Singapore, Thailand Burma, Indonesia, South Vietnam and Cambodia competing, it was announced today.

Chief Minister Abdul Rahman will open the tournament and donate a "Prime Minister's Cup" which will be awarded to the winning team on September 7.

All competing teams will be given souvenirs and the Malaya Football Association has arranged for their accommodation and transport.

The Thailand team is scheduled to arrive on August 26. The opening game will put Cambodia against Hongkong to be followed by Vietnam versus Singapore.

The winner will be allowed to keep the Prime Minister's Cup.—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Management Committee Meeting of HKFA, Sports Road 5.45 p.m.
Fencing
HK Selection v Japan (Sabre) 6.30 p.m.
Bowls
Open Triples at CCC and KBGC, 5.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Fencing
Challenge de l'Alliance Francaise Cup at EYMCA. Preliminaries at 10 a.m. Final at 3 p.m.
Bowls
Colony Open Triples Championships: Matches at KBGC.

THURSDAY

Meeting
Executive Committee meeting, HKASA at SCM Post Ltd Board Room, 5.30 p.m.
Golf
Children's Golf at Deep Water Bay—Bogey Match.

Vietnamese Tennis Players In Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 19.

The Vietnamese tennis team for the Malayan Championships in Singapore and the Merdeka contests in Kuala Lumpur arrived here today.

The team consists of Nguyen Van-tich, Vo Van-bay and Vo Van-thanh.

Tennis officials give the team a good chance of taking championships home with them. The Vietnamese are accustomed to international play, having competed in the French Championships in 1954 and the Philippines Championships last year.

The team was accompanied by Mr Tricu Wan-yen, a frequent visitor to the Malayan Tennis Championships 30 years ago.—Reuter.

Ballymoss Now The Favourite For The St Leger

London, Aug. 20.

The general view of the St Leger, to be run at Doncaster on September 11, as being virtually certain to provide another classic victory for Crepello, with the Italian colt Braque the only possible danger, was overturned in a few days last week.

First it was announced that Crepello, Sir Victor Sassoon's Newmarket 2,000 Guineas and Epsom Derby winner, had lamed himself in a gallop and would not be able to run in the Doncaster classic.

Then, a few days later, Ugo Penco, trainer of the Marquese Incisa della Rochetta's Braque, stated that he had not been able to prepare his colt in time for the St Leger, and he would have to miss it.

In the absence of the two stars of the classic, the role of favouritism has fallen on the Irish-trained colt Ballymoss, who ran second to Crepello in the Derby and has since won the Irish premier classic.

It would be a great triumph for Vincent O'Brien, the Cashel, Co. Tipperary, trainer, if he were to saddle American owner Mr John McShain's colt to win at Doncaster.

O'Brien is far better known as a wizard of the steeplechasing game than as a flat-race trainer, and it would be a wonderful achievement for him to add an English classic success to the three Grand National triumphs he scored in consecutive years from 1953 to 1955.

LOST GLORY

The race which may bring laurels to O'Brien has turned out a tragedy of lost glory for the connections of Crepello, Sir Victor Sassoon, trainer Noel Murless and jockey Lester Piggott.

Most critics held that the St Leger would be a virtual walk-over for Crepello, who would thus become the first "triple crown" winner since Bahram in 1935.

He had already slammed the best of his age in Britain, France and Ireland in the 2,000 Guineas and Derby, and the victory at Doncaster, which was looked upon as almost a foregone conclusion, would have put him high in the rolls of Britain's equine greats.

In spite of the very high opinion held of Crepello in Britain, the connections of Braque had been looking forward to testing their colt against him at Doncaster.

Even if the hardness of the ground in Italy had not prevented the colt being got ready in time for Doncaster, he might have missed the race when it transpired that Crepello would not be among the runners.

Enrico Camici, his jockey, explained that, with Crepello absent, the St Leger did not carry the same prestige as France's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe, to be run at Longchamp on October 6. If Braque can be got ready, he will run for this £54,000 prize, the richest in European racing.—China Mail Special.

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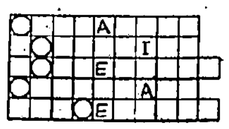

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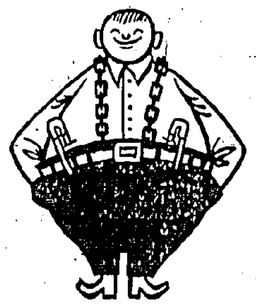

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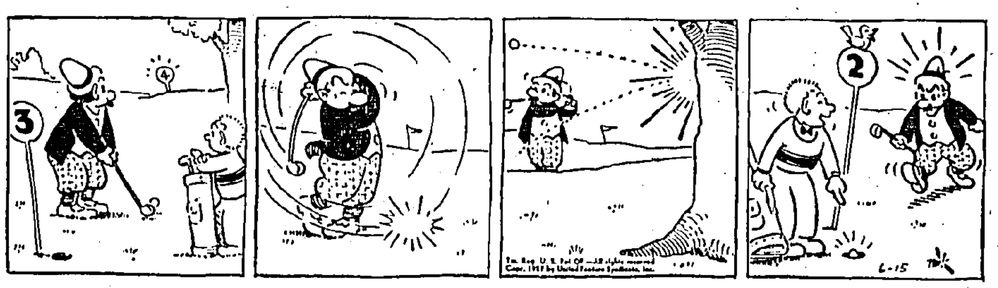

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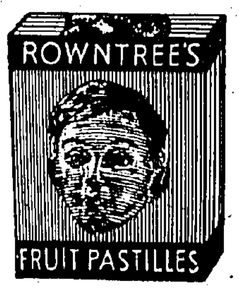

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AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Big Response To State Opera House Fund

Sydney, (By Airmail).

The appeal for funds to build the Sydney Opera House was launched at a public meeting in the Town Hall last week amid scenes of enthusiasm the like of which has not been seen here since early war days.

£235,000 was promised or donated within an hour. Hundreds of people waving bank notes, swarmed around clerks taking donations, while others formed queues to borrow pens to write cheques.

The crowd of 2,500 which packed the Hall could only be described as "highly enthusiastic."

As Lord Mayor Alderman Jensen read the list of initial contributors sedate gentlemen and mild-mannered ladies stamped their feet, cheered and clapped.

Emotion

The State Premier, Mr Cahill, who is a hardy campaigner in almost any situation was almost overcome with emotion as he told the applauding crowd: "We are determined that this building shall be finished and it is hoped that the foundation stone of the Opera House will be laid within 18 months."

He set the ball rolling by handing over a cheque for £1,000 on behalf of the State Government.

The enthusiasm continued after the meeting when the Lord Mayor gave a small reception in his rooms.

In a joking sort of way Mr Erik Andersson, co-designer of the Opera House with Joern Utzon, started it all by offering £50 to the Appeal if he were allowed to kiss Australian Soprano, Joan Hammond.

£50 Offer

His partner topped this by paying £50 each to kiss two other ladies.

This little kissing party involved others and went on for a considerable time. It raised more than £295 for the Opera House Appeal.

This rather unusual reception amused everybody except the old skinflints in the Taxation Department.

Donations to the Opera House Appeal Fund have been declared deductions for income tax purposes. But when a taxation official was asked jokingly if those who paid for kisses could claim the deduction he answered quite seriously "No."

Cold Logic

"They traded cash for kisses so the transaction would be more in the nature of a sale," he said. "It could not be regarded as a donation because the donors received some benefit."

It's cold logic, maybe, but it takes the fun out of things.

In passing, it must be admitted that the two designers of the Opera House are playing their part to the full in helping to raise funds for the £3,500,000 Opera House. As well as appearing at public meetings, and being photographed admiring Benelong Point, where the Opera House will be built, they are both studying to become architects according to NSW regulations. This is necessary before they can supervise the erection of their winning design.

Incidentally, it is interesting to note that several of their unsuccessful competitors in this competition are spending a lot of their own time coaching the winners.

Miner's Billy

In a reserved judgment the Northern Coal Authority Mr M. Lydon, has said that a coal owner should replace a miner's billy lost in a fall of coal.

The management had previously replaced all tools lost but jibbed about the extra few bob because the billy is not a tool of trade.

An appeal was made to the Northern Coal Authority who heard lengthy evidence and in a reserved judgment suggested that the proprietor should "favourably consider" compensating the miner for his loss.

Where To.....Sir?

The Tram and Bus Employees' Union has formed a Discipline Committee to deal with members guilty of rudeness to the public.

The formation of the Committee follows moves by the Unions to have discipline exercised at depots instead of by officials at head office.

This seems to be a startling "new look" attitude by the Unions but the general opinion is that all attempts to stop conductors from saying "where to sport?" would not make Sydney buses seem anything like home.

Trade Union organisers are planning a stop work meeting this week to discuss plans for forming their own union.

Organisers—union men who visit factories and working places to interview union members—claim that of all organised unions they need a union to watch their interests the most.

They claim that they are insulted, threatened and intimidated while doing their job. They claim that their unions should insure them against injury through violence.

They also complain that when their term as an organiser is finished—generally three years—they are unable to get a job in any worthwhile industry or factory because of their previous union activities.

Wild Horses

Professional shooters have been called in to destroy mobs of wild horses causing serious property damage in far western Queensland.

Two brumby shooters at Bulloo Downs, 645 miles west of Brisbane, have shot 350 wild horses in the last three months.

The shooters have been hired by cattle interests to shoot large numbers of brumbies and dingoes roaming in from "no man's land" near the Northern Territory and South Australian borders.

The brumbies have broken down dingo fences in several places.

The shooters are earning more than £45 a week from the wage and bounty paid by the grazing interests and the sale of the brumbies' hair.

Now Names

Immigration is having quite an effect on the telephone book.

Here's a list of consecutive names from one page: Paiva, Paix (two entries), Paizis, Paizs, Pajiotopoulous, Pajor (two entries), Pakchung, Pakes (two entries), Pakolice, Pakula (five entries).

No Crowing Curfew

The Sydney suburban council of Hurstville decided after a fairly lengthy debate last week that it is unable to impose any curfew on early morning crowing roosters.

An alderman complained that the rooster owned by a neighbour was undermining the health of people in the vicinity.

The council Health Inspector, Mr Bailey, said that he received an average of five complaints each week regarding barking dogs and crowing roosters but he found it extremely difficult to do anything to give the complaining parties satisfaction.

The Mayor, Alderman Croot, said he answered his 'phone at 5 am recently and a woman's voice said "Now you realise what it is like to be wakened at 5 am by a rooster."

The council decided that the crowing of roosters was outside its jurisdiction.

Luxurious Prices

The hotels of Sydney are again under fire—this time by no less an authority than the Director of the State Government Tourist Bureau, Mr H. West.

He told the Metropolitan Licensing Court that Sydney's luxury hotels were luxurious only in price.

He said that many ship's passengers preferred to stay aboard their vessels rather than stay in Sydney hotels.

He was giving evidence for interests which seek the removal of a licence from a present Sydney hotel to a proposed new building to be erected in the King's Cross area.

Fined $100 For Stealing

A 20-year-old woman who stole $00 from a girl friend during a social call was fined $100 or four weeks by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning.

According to Sub-Insp. P. A. F. Alcock, the accused, Ko Lai-man, charged with theft, was stopped by a policeman in Nga Tsin Wai Road shortly before midnight on August 16.

She had just left her friend's house at 20 Hau Wong Road. When she was questioned, she confessed that she had taken the money from a drawer in the house.

CZECH ENVOY

London, Aug. 19.

Mr Jiri Hajek, the Czechoslovak Ambassador in London, called at his own request today on Mr David Ormsby Gore, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Usually reliable sources said it was believed the Ambassador called to request Britain's backing for Czechoslovakia's candidature to the United Nations Security Council.—Reuter.

Today's Competition Picture

This photograph submitted by Mui Wa of 158 Pau Chung St., Kowloon for the China Mail photographic competition is captioned: "Vanity has no pains: Hair-tweezing and beauty treatment on the street corner."

GREAT DANE HAS 15 PUPS

Chicago.

"Jotter," a great dane who does things in a great way, looked melancholy while staring at her 13 pups.

Her mood was understandable. She started having pups on Friday 9.30 p.m. By Saturday morning there were six. By Saturday night there were 11, 12 and 13. Early Sunday the total went up to 15, of which two failed to survive.

Jotter's owners, Mr and Mrs Sam Dimaio, said they weren't quite clear about what they were going to do with all the pups.

"The veterinarians say anything over 10 to a litter is a rarity," Dimaio said. "Know anybody that wants to buy a rarity?"—United Press.

Immodest Dress In Venice

Venice, Aug. 19.

Church authorities in Venice today urged priests not to visit Venice in the summertime, even to accompany groups of the faithful, because of the immodest dress prevailing particularly among tourists of both sexes.

The Roman Catholic diocese said that people were "wearing in the streets clothing that would scarcely be tolerated on the beach."

Entry to the famous Basilica of San Marco has been strictly forbidden to those who are not dressed "in accordance with the noble Christian traditions of the Venetial people," the announcement said.—France-Presse.

NO MORE RICE

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 19.

St Louis Roman Catholic Church today banned the practice of throwing rice at weddings.

A church bulletin noted the custom stemmed from ancient well-wishing for the bride and bridegroom, hoping "their children are as numerous as the grains of rice."

Parish priests said the tossing of rice and confetti created "an awful mess" for the janitor to sweep up.—United Press.

GINA FOR—ISRAEL

Jerusalem, Aug. 19.

Italian film star Gina Lollobrigida will shortly start shooting a new film "The Queen of Sheba" in Israel, it was learned here today.—France-Presse.

Hongkong Told: Follow Up These Inquiries

by David T.K. Wong

London.

FOLLOW up on trade inquiries from overseas. That is the advice that Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London, has for Hongkong merchants and manufacturers as he prepares for the Colony's participation for the second consecutive year in the Frankfurt Trade Fair.

Mr Grimwood said that often overseas buyers interested in Hongkong products would make inquiries, and though the inquiries are passed on to Hongkong, dealers or manufacturers often do not get in touch with prospective buyers and offer quotations.

So unless these inquiries are followed up, Hongkong would not derive the full benefit of her participation in trade fairs.

The five-day Frankfurt fair which opens on September 1 is a big European fair which caters chiefly for Germany and Scandinavia. However, it will be attended by buyers from all over the world.

Complete Range

A complete range of Hongkong products will be on display, the exhibits, and the stand designs having been chosen by the Department of Commerce and Industry.

This year Hongkong has bought 520 square meters of space, compared with last year's 200 square meters. The space is paid for by the Hongkong Government and a basic charge is made for private companies wishing to have their individual stalls. This year about ten Hongkong companies will have their own stalls.

A film on Hongkong, prepared by and loaned from the Royal Interocean Line, will also be shown at the fair.

Mr Grimwood said that participation in trade fairs has a two-fold value for Hongkong. Of these, the commercial value is obvious. But there is also an education value which is just as important.

The Policy

"Even in the United Kingdom there is a great deal of misunderstanding about what Hongkong is, where it is, and what it produces," he said. "The mere fact of Hongkong being in a fair and being grouped in the Commonwealth section tells people that it is British territory. And seeing the exhibits people are astonished that Hongkong produces so much and seeing Hongkong goods on display will help to put down the myth that everything that comes from Hongkong is made in Japan."

The policy on which trade fairs Hongkong would attend is set down by the Department of Commerce and Industry, of which the Hongkong Government Office in London is a part.

But at one time the office in London was a separate governmental department. Its origins date from the latter part of World War II. Before the war there was no Hongkong Government Office in London. But in 1944 a Hongkong Civil Affairs Unit was set up within the Colonial Office.

It was the job of this unit to make plans for the rehabilitation of Hongkong once the military reoccupation was completed, and the unit prepared in great detail lists of supplies which were considered essential to the welfare of the Colony after reoccupation.

He Stayed

In 1945 Mr Grimwood, an affable man who had been an accountant by profession, joined the unit. Shortly thereafter Hongkong was liberated and the unit proceeded to Hongkong—all except Mr Grimwood and a skeleton staff of two.

His job was to stay behind and see that all the supplies which had been indented for were despatched without delay. In official parlance, his office was unceremoniously designated as the "Rear Link."

But as Hongkong became more organised and as normal trading conditions returned, it seemed that a London office could be an invaluable asset, especially when trade with the United Kingdom began to climb. So the Rear Link was recreated into the Hongkong Government Office with Mr Grimwood as the Director.

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China Mail Entertainment Guide

What's On Tonight

HOOVER and LIBERTY: "It's Great To be Young." British Technicolour comedy. John Mills and Cecil Parker.

KING'S and PRINCESS: "The Lonely Man." VistaVision outdoor drama. Jack Palance and Anthony Perkins.

METROPOLE and STAR: "The Mole People." A Horror film. John Agar and Cynthia Patrick.

QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA: "Fire Down Below." Technicolour. Spontaneous combustion in calypso-land. Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum, and Jack Lemmon.

ROXY and BROADWAY: "Island In The Sun." True love and the other thing under the hot Caribbean sunshine. Joan Fontaine, Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge, Joan Collins, Michael Rennie, James Mason.

RADIO Hongkong

5.30 p.m., "Over the Hills and Far Away"—Introduced by Mavis; 6, Time Signal, Programme Summary; 6.02, I Heard Europe Singing—Programme 5—Austria; 6.15, Music from Poland; 6.30, The Vienna Symphony Orchestra; 7, Spotlight on Song—Blanche Thebom (Mezzo-Soprano), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone); 7.30, First Hearing—Presented by Ronald Decent; 7.58, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal, The News; 8.00, Commentary; 8.15, Feature Programme: "The Miracle Baby," written and narrated by Stephen Grenfell; 8.45, The Music Makers: Quartet in F Major (Ravel)—Budapest String Quartet; 9.15, "Gentlemen be Seated." A Minstrel Show. Singers: Gordon Goodman, John Neher, Stanley Kimes, Ossie Johnson, The Quartones, Uncle John Cole and the Merrill Station Choir Orchestra and Chorus directed by Allen Roth; 9.50, Interlude; 10, Moments in Mayfair—Philip Green and his Orchestra; 10.30, Louis Armstrong and Eddie Condon at Newport; 10.58, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal, Radio Newsreel; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Musical Matinee—A Programme of Show Tunes and old favourites; 3.30, Partners In Song—Popular Songs; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous—Popular Concert Melodies; 4.30, Vocally Yours — Popular Songs; 5, Children's Corner—Presented by Auntie Ray; 5.30, Progressive Jazz—Music In The Modern Manner; 6, Torch Tunes—Show Tunes and Light Concert Favourites; 6.28, Birthday Mailbag; 6.30, Bandcall—Featuring Tex Beneke and his Orchestra; 7, Personality Parade—Vic Damone; 7.15, Summer Evening Serenade—Light Orchestral Music; 7.30, 1-Up Summertime—A Programme of Music by Mantovani; 7.45, The Mystery of Nurse Latimer; 8, Time Signal and The News; 8.00, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Strange Tales of Easterndale—Episode 15; 8.30, Kendall's Corner—Thirty Minutes of Music and Fun Presented by Nick Kendall; 9, John Diamond—Adventurer—Episode 16—"Counterpoint"; 9.30, Moods In Music—Melodies For Reminiscing featuring Dick Jacobs and his Chorus and Orchestra, and Don Cornell; 10, Music Hall Varieties—Starring Joe E. Howard and Beatrice Kay, with the Music Hall Varieties Orchestra; 10.30, The Hour of Charm—Featuring Phil Spitalny and his All-Girl Orchestra, and starring Evelyn and her Magic Violin; 11, Date With Dreamland—Featuring the Songs of the Knickerbocker Four; 11.30, Prelude To Midnight—Popular Concert Melodies; 12 Midnight, "God Save The Queen"; Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., Children's Hour—"Cartoons"; 5.15, Puppet Theatre; 5.30, Children's Films; 6, Close Down.
7.30 p.m., "Crosstalk"—With Wong Kam-long and Joe Clark; 7.45, Rediffusion Newsreel—World and Colony Events; 8, Chinese Classical Music—By Yuen Ching Wah; 8.30, "Lilli Palmer"; 8.45, Calling Card; 9, "Mr District Attorney"—Starring David Brian; 9.30, "The Country And The People" (Holland) 10, Evening Feature Film—"Man Against The Sun"; 11, Late Night Final—News Headlines, Weather Report and Announcements.

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Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
By Air

Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, Japan, 10 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Noon.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, Aden, Egypt, Italy, France, Great Britain, (Netherlands & Germany, Parcels Direct), 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Iraq (P. India, Parcels via Karachi, Mahe, via Bombay, P. Gulf, Parcels Direct), 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
By Air

Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, Hoihow, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Philippines, North Borneo, Labuan, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Korea, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Indonesia, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, Argentine, (N. & S. Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Parcels via L. Marques), 11 a.m.
North Borneo, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 3 p.m.
Thailand, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

FRENCH MOVE SOLVES LITTLE

Mark Holds Key To Unbalance Of Payments

From RONALD BOXALL

London, Aug. 19.

French currency devaluation—for that is what it amounts to—is regarded in London not as an isolated action but as the initial move in a general readjustment of European exchange rates that is fast becoming inevitable.

French devaluation is part of the tough new policy of disinflation. It followed the paring of current budget accounts by £600 million and the tightening of credit control, and was in turn followed by raising of French bank rate to its highest level since 1937.

The French Government does not admit that its currency manipulation is a formal devaluation. But whatever it is called, devaluation is what it comes down to. And that is the way most central banks including the Bank of England have interpreted it.

The Effect

The effect of the move is that French exports will receive a subsidy of 20 per cent, while imports (except of essential raw materials) will bear tax of 20 per cent. Tourists going to France will get francs 20 per cent cheaper than the official exchange rate, and Frenchmen travelling abroad will pay 20 per cent more for foreign currency.

In other words the franc has been devalued by 20 per cent.

The difference between the method chosen and the bald announcement of devaluation is that France will still import essential raw materials at the old (official) rate—and this it is hoped will prevent French internal costs from rising and thus negating action.

It remains to be seen how far devaluation will help France out of its present troubles. But opinion in foreign exchange markets is that the French action does not end the matter.

General Reshuffling

For months past a situation has been developing that could only have ended in the devaluation of the franc or revaluation of the West German mark or a combination of both. The underlying problem is still with us despite French devaluation. And before it is solved there may have to be a general reshuffling of European exchange rates.

The present unbalance of European payments mainly concerns the franc and mark — but over-valuation of the former and under-valuation of the latter has strong implications for other European currencies.

The series of monthly French deficits in the European Payments-Union reached a climax in July when settlement called for gold payment of about $100 million. This and previous deficits have practically exhausted French reserves and brought France's cumulative deficit with EPU to over $2,000 million.

West Germany, on the other hand has been raking in gold even faster than France has been losing it. In July its EPU surplus reached a record $180 million. Its gold and dollar reserves are now nearly $4,000 million (compared with sterling area's $2,307 million) bringing them to half as much again as they were a year ago and twice as much as they were two years ago.

Out Of Balance

French devaluation will not correct this situation for Germany's payments are out of balance not only with France but with other European countries.

In one sense the onus is on other countries to make their currencies as strong as the mark. They (Britain included) have pursued policies conducive to inflation and if as a result, external value of their currencies has fallen, they have no one but themselves to blame.

But this is too narrow an interpretation of present unbalance. Germany it is argued by that country's critics has duty by other countries to pursue "good creditor" policies.

Despite the "hardness" of the mark, Germany still regulates its internal economy along lines more suited to disinflation.

Besides it had until recently practically no defence commitments and this helped it to develop its foreign trade at the expense of other European countries. And while Britain and others of Germany's neighbours are facing labour shortages—resulting in rising wages and higher production costs—Germany has a ready-made "pool of unemployed" in refugee population acting against any tendency for wages to rise.

Plain Speaking

Next important date is September 15 when the International Monetary Fund considers implications of the French move. This will be an occasion for some plain speaking.

One possible solution that is being canvassed in London is modification of IMF rule that forbids exchange rates to deviate more than one per cent either way from declared parities. If wider fluctuations were permitted — perhaps as much as ten per cent either way — exchange rates might settle down at more realistic levels.

One thing is certain: Germany is determined not to act alone. Dr Erhard, Federal Economics Minister, admitted last week that the mark is under-valued, but said Germany has had no intention of revaluing the mark except as part of general international currency revaluation. — London Express Service.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $280,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
GOVT. LOANS			
3½% (1940)			3000 @ 00
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	890	900	2 @ 900
			20 @ 895
			2 @ 900
			10 @ 895
INSURANCES			
Union	90½	92½	200 @ 91½
Lombard ...	35		
SHIPPING			
Wheelock ..	7.70	7.80	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf .	115		
Dock	48	48½	600 @ 48¼
P'vident (O)			500 @ 11.00
.. (Rts.)	1.10		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	15.40	15½	600 @ 15.40
HK Land ..	36½	36¾	1000 @ 36½
Humphreys	10.30		
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.475	1.50	
UTILITIES			
Tram	23.60	23.90	50 @ 23.80
			600 @ 23.70
			1000 @ 23.70
Yaumati ...	105	107	
C. Light (O)	19.00	19.80	500 @ 18.70
.. (Rts.)	12.70	12.90	00 @ 12.80
Electric	29½	29.80	637 @ 29.70
			750 @ 29.70
Macao E. ..		11	
Telephone	27.80	28	500 @ 27.90
			500 @ 27.80
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	32½	33	500 @ 32¾
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.40	15.60	1000 @ 15.00
Watson	12.40	12.80	
COTTONS			
Textiles ...	4.30	4.325	
Nanyang ...	9.35		
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtsze ...		6.00	
Allied	4.15	4.25	1000 @ 4.20
H.K. & F.E. Invest. XD .		10.20	

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Aug. 19.

Closing rates were:

Canada	1.05-15/16
England official	2.78-13/32
.. unofficial	2.55-2.57
.. 30-days	2.77¼
.. 90-days	2.75-23/32
Australia	2.22¾
New Zealand	2.77-7/16
South Africa	2.78-13/16

Others unchanged.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.03
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.20
Australian notes (per £1)	12.30
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	10.20
Siam tical (per 100)	27.20
Singapore (Straits)	1.80

Cotton Futures Have Quiet Session

New York, Aug. 19.

Narrowly mixed price changes accompanied another quiet session in cotton futures today.

Nearby deliveries showed net losses most of the time while new crop months managed to show small gains.

At the close the general list ruled off five to 12 points higher. Opening prices were off five to up six points. New Orleans closed up 11 to 13 points.

Accumulated week-end hedge selling and liquidation kept a routine rate demand-over-supplies in old crop months.

New crop months reflected diminishing chances for congressional action on cotton legislation at this session.

The Senate Agricultural Committee approved a bill to sell surplus cotton to domestic textile mills at cut-rate prices. The measure authorised the Agriculture Secretary to sell 750,000 bales to domestic consumers annually for a five-year period. However, traders thought chances for congressional action now are nil.

The certificated stock showed another sharp decrease, dipping 1,835 to 3,011 bales.

Month	Volume	Open interest
Oct.	8,000	172,700
Dec.	8,400	271,600
Mar.	3,500	153,700
May	2,100	140,400
July	2,700	107,800
Oct.	6,400	100,600
Dec.	4,000	34,100
Total	32,900	000,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	35.15n
Oct.	33.87
Dec.	33.89
Mar.	34.08
May	34.05
July	33.04
Oct.	32.96-97
Dec.	32.91

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

Spot	33.25
Oct.	33.90
Dec.	33.89
Mar.	34.09
May	34.06
July	33.08
Oct.	32.96
Dec.	32.89

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
Oct/Nov.	26.00n
Dec/Jan.	26.18
Mar/Apr.	26.53
May/June	26.70
July/Aug.	26.90
New contract	
Oct/Nov.	26.84
Dec/Jan.	27.00
Mar/Apr.	27.24
May/June	27.35
July/Aug.	27.49

SAO PAULO

Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

May	40.40
July	40.60

In the United States, the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was not available.

Total sales were 15,831 bales. —United Press.

HEAVY SELLING IN NY ON NEWS OF SYRIAN COUP

New York, Aug. 19.

Stock values were slashed over four billion in the worst market break since Oct. 10, 1955, as news of the Soviet-inspired Syrian coup touched off heavy selling.

Losses in all groups ranged to two and three points and there were some drops of seven points or more among issues such as Gulf which moved off with the International oils, hard hit by the Syrian news.

Reaction to the Red move in Syria was heightened when William McChesney Martin, head of the Federal Reserve System said "we are reaching a levelling out place" where money rates may stabilise and even decline. This led Wall Street to conclude inflation is losing push and giving way to deflationary forces, more feared in financial circles than inflation.

Industrial stocks fell 9.25 points on average to 478.95, their lowest level since April 5. It was the widest break since the selling which followed President Eisenhower's heart attack.

The Decline

For rails the decline amounted to 2.39 points pushing the average back to 140.35, lowest point since Feb. 12 when the lows of the year were set. Utilities lost .76 to 67.71, their lowest point since Dec. 26.

Activity was stepped up to 2,040,000 shares from 1,470,000 shares traded on Friday. The market was a broad one with 1,149 issues traded, 832 of them lower, 134 higher, 183 unchanged. There were 166 new lows set, only four new highs.

The unfavourable news items hit the market just as the experts had been predicting a recovery from last week's break, a decline attributed to such factors as tight money, a too small freight rate rise, less optimistic fourth quarter forecasts in the absence of any upside incentive.

Bethlehem Steel, off 1¼; Anaconda, down 3¾; El Paso Natural Gas, a 1¾ point lower; US Steel, down 1⅞; and Chrysler, off 2¾ points were the most actively traded issues.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was $3,710,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 780,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 16½
Allied Chemicals	83½
Allied Mills Inc.	27½
Allis Chalmers	33
American Airline	17⅝
American Cyanamide Co.	41¾
Amer. & Forgn. Power	14¼
Am. Gas & Electric	34⅝
Am. Mach. & F'dry	37¾
American Metal	22
American Smelting	50½
Am. Sugar Ref.	30
American Tel. & Tel.	172⅝
American Tob. "B"	70¼
Anaconda Copper	53½
Armco Steel	52
Armour	13⅞
Atlas Cons. Mining	15¼
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	13¼
Baltimore & Ohio	52⅞
Beneficial Finance	18⅝
Bendix Aviation Corp.	61⅝
Benguet Cons.	1⅜
Bethlehem Steel	44½
Boeing Airplane	38⅛
Borden (The) Co.	60¼
Burroughs Add Machine	42
Campbell Soup Co.	34
Canadian Pacific R.	31⅞
Case (J.I.) Co.	17
Cat. Tractor	82½
Celanese Corp.	14¼
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	42¼
Chase Manhat. Bank	50⅝
Chrysler Motors	77⅛
Climax Molybdenum	60
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	44¾
Commercial Credit	47¼
Commonwealth Elec.	28
Consolidated Edison	42¼
Continental Oil of Del.	55¾
Crown Zellerbach	50
Cuban Amer. Sugar	21¾
Diamond Alkali	47¼
Douglas Aircraft	64⅛
Dow Chemicals	57⅞
Dupont de Nemours	190¼
Eastern Airline	35¼
Eastman Kodak	100
El Paso National Gas	31¾
Family Finance Corp.	24⅛
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	95½
Ford Motor	50¼
General Electric	64⅛
General Foods	48
General Motors	43
Gen. Pub. Util.	36
Getty Oil	30¾
Glidden Co.	35¼
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	69
Goodyear Tyre	87¼
Gulf Oil	128⅝
Heyden Newport Corp.	14¼
Homestake Mining Co.	35¼
Ingersoll-Rand	88
Inland Steel Co.	76¼
Interchemical Corp.	40¼
Int'l Business Machines	300
Int'l Harvester	34
International Nickel	84⅝
International Paper	94¼
Int'l Tel & Tel	31⅞
John-Manville Co.	41½
Kennecott Copper	97¾
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	62⅝
Lockheed Aircraft	32⅝
Loews Incorp.	17⅛
Lone Star Cement Co.	34⅛
Lowenstein & Sons	16½
McDonnell Aircraft (Am. Stock Exge.)	26¾
Mesabi Iron Corp.	35½
Minnesota Mining	82¾
Mission Development	31⅞
Monsanto Chemical Co.	34
Montgomery Ward	36
Motorola Inc.	44⅞
National Cash Reg. "A"	58¾
National Dairy Prod.	35⅞
National Lead	119¾
National Steel Corp.	72¾
New York Central	29½
Olin Mathieson	49
Otis Elevators	47¼
Owen-Illinois Glass	81¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	46⅛
Pan American Airways	14
Paramount Pictures	33½
Parke Davis Co.	56
Penny J. C. Co.	78
Penn. Salt Co.	60
Philip Morris	41
Procter & Gamble Co.	49⅝
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	77¼
Publicker Industries	8¼
Pure Oil	40½
Radio Corporation	33⅞
Republic Steel	52⅞
Reynolds Metal	50
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	20⅝
Shell Oil Co.	84
Saint Reg. Paper	30¼
Sinclair Oil	37
Socony Mobiloil	55⅝
Solar Aircraft	15⅝
South Puerto Rico Sugar	32
Southern Co. (The)	23⅝
Southern National Gas	40½
Southern Railway (Com.)	40
Standard Brands	41⅞
Standard Oil of Cal.	53¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	48¼
Standard Oil of N.J.	61¼
Steep Rock (Toronto Exge.)	17
Sterling Drug Co.	31⅝
Stokely-Van Camp	15
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	5⅞
Swift & Co.	32½
Texas Co.	69½
Tide Water Asn. Oil	33¾
Time Inc.	60½
Twenty Century Fox, Film	26¼
Union Carbide	109⅝
Union Pacific Railway	28
United Aircraft	59¾ xd
United Gas Corp.	31⅝
U.S. Foil "B"	33½
U.S. Gypsum	60½
U.S. Line Co.	28½
U.S. Rubber	40⅝
U.S. Smelting	42¾
U.S. Steel	64⅞
Warner Bros.	21¼
Westinghouse Electric	60½
Western Union Tel. Co.	18
West Va. Pulp & Paper	38
Woolworth	40⅝

—United Press.

MILD SETBACK SUFFERED IN LONDON

London, Aug. 19.

The stock market suffered a mild setback at the close today with losses ranging to a dollar in the unsettling atmosphere of a pro-Soviet coup in Syria and uncertainties in foreign exchange markets.

An exception to the general downward drift was South African gold shares which developed good support.

British Government bonds rallied from their lows in late dealings reflecting the better tone in sterling.

Oil shares weakened on Middle East developments and losses of up to a dollar were recorded on a broad front.

British Petroleum and Burmah Oil were hardest hit.

Industrials closed with mostly fractional losses.

Dollar stocks were mixed at the close of quiet trading.—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Aug. 19.

Closing rates were:

New York	2.78-5/16-2.78⅜
Montreal	2.62-11/16-2.62-1/16
Amsterdam	10.64-10.64¼
Brussels	139.10-139.15
Copenhagen	19.34¼-19.34⅝
Frankfurt	11.67¼-11.67½
Milan	1737-1737¼
Stockholm	14.41⅝-14.41⅞
Zurich	12.15¼-12.16

Others unchanged.—United Press

NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Migration, 2 Communion, 3 Israelites, 4 Egyptians, 5 Persecuted, Moses.

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Aug. 19.

Rex rubber futures today closed 12 to 20 points higher with sales of 64 contracts.

September	32.30
November	32.10
January	32.02
March	31.95
May	31.80
July	31.70
September	31.50

Standard contracts closed 12 to 20 points higher with no sales reported.

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Dealers reported a routine situation on the terminal and actuals market. Slightly higher London cables and firmness of shipment offerings kept a curb on selling, while small dealer buying orders predominated.

Switching operations also featured the small trade. Exchanges included July 40 points under Sept. and Nov 10 points under Sept.

Reports about the possible revaluation of the pound sterling had a restricting influence over general market interest.

Domestic factory interest continued slow in the delivered market. Spot No. 1 Rss was quoted at 32⅝ cents.

SINGAPORE

The market opened higher on rumours of currency devaluation but eased slightly on profit-taking in a quiet and cautious market.

There was a fair enquiry for lower sheets, factories were quiet with only small interest shown in remilled grade.

Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Sept.	93½-93⅝
	Oct.	94⅛-94⅜
	Nov.	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Sept.	92¼-92⅞
No. 3 ..	..	91⅞-92¼
No. 4 ..	..	89¾-89½
Spot rubber unbaled		92¼-92⅞
Blanket crepe		83-85
No. 1 pale crepe		101-103

LONDON

The rubber market closed steady with spot quoted at 27⅜ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	27¼-27½
Settlement house term:	
Aug.	27⅜-27½
Sept.	27⅜-27½
Oct./Dec.	27⅞-28
Jan./Mar.	27⅞-27⅞
Apr./June	27⅞-28
July/Sept.	27⅞-28
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
Aug.	27⅜ buyers
Sept.	27¼-27¾
Oct.	27¼-27⅝
Estate crepe thin Sept. thick unquoted.	

AMSTERDAM

The rubber market was steady-quiet. Prices closed in guilders per kilogram, cif Sept. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.64 buyers
No. 2 rubber	2.63 ..
No. 3 rubber	2.61 ..
No. 1 crepe	2.84 nom.

—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Aug. 19.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed eight to 37 points higher with sales of 909 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to four points higher with sales of 127 contracts.

World contracts executed a sharp turn-about after the price collapse late Friday. Most of the loss suffered then was recovered under technical covering and a trade demand at the lower prices.

The raw market ruled steady and unchanged with the principal demand involving Brazilians. Dealers understood the United Kingdom late last week bought 40,000 tons of Brazilian raws while Italy was the accredited buyer of 20,000 tons.

Other reports said Japan has been negotiating for between 50,000 and 100,000 tons of Brazilian, while Cuban operators reportedly bought 120,000 tons.

Contract No. 4 (world)

September	3.74
October	3.77
January	3.80
March	3.76
May	3.76
July	3.75
September	3.75
October	3.71
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.75

Open interest: 6,138 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

September	5.62
November	5.62
March	5.40
May	5.51
Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.66

Open interest: 1,610 contracts.—United Press.

THE £ STERLING RECOVERS ON THE CONTINENT

London, Aug. 19.

The pound sterling recovered on the bourses of Europe today after last week's fall.

Norway was the sole exception; there the rate was unchanged.

Ostend: A short-lived panic reigned this morning here among British tourists and brokers, as a result of weekend press reports of sterling "instability."

Most of the brokers and bank branches refused to buy pounds. Almost alone among the banks, the Societe Generale de Belgique accepted pound notes, but only from British tourists, on the basis of £10 from each of them.

Hoteliers said some Britons got alarmed and checked out to return home by the Dover ferry boat. Some money changers bought pound banknotes for as little as 120 Belgian francs—compared to last Saturday's lowest rate of 125 Belgian francs for a pound.

But just before noon Ostend's bankers and brokers got word from Brussels that the pound sterling had recovered on Brussels Bourse from its downward trend and had regained some points.

This had an immediate effect. Banks and brokers reported "position back to normal" and tourists had no more difficulty in exchanging their pound note.

Vienna: The rate of sterling has remained normal despite the rumours current throughout Europe of the possibility of devaluation.

A leading Austrian banker said today "officially we do not believe that England will devalue its currency unless the situation greatly and suddenly deteriorates—and we see no sign of this at present."

Customers offering large quantities of pounds at Vienna banks today were advised to wait some days or even as long as two weeks, as bank officials believed that within this period the pound would recover some of the losses of the last week.

Movements of gold and sterling were stated to be normal; and there was no rush to buy gold or German marks, nor to sell sterling.

The Hague: Faith in the Dutch has strengthened considerably in the last few days, resulting in lower quotations for foreign currency at the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

Both the Guilder and the British pound sterling were in stronger positions today than on Saturday.

The German Mark and the security dollar remained firm.—Reuter.

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CHINESE RUSH BRAZIL SCHEME

Local Families Register To Buy Land

by Francis Boey, China Mail Reporter

About 60 local Chinese families have applied to buy land in Sao Paulo, Brazil, it was learned yesterday.

The new scheme, the first of its kind in the Colony, offered 50 overseas Chinese families the opportunity to emigrate to Brazil as permanent residents.

The only requirement to qualify as an emigrant was that applicants must buy a residential plot of land of 10,000 square feet in Sao Paulo—one of the fastest growing cities in the Southern hemisphere.

Although it implied that only Chinese emigrants are sought other nationalities are just as welcome. People with the means to buy the land are automatically eligible for this experimental scheme.

The price of the plot of land is US$1,200, equivalent to HK$7,200. On top of this emigrants will have to pay their own passages which cost another HK$2,200 each.

Initial Payment

Of the 59 applicants, 24 families have already made the initial payment of US$300.

The Brazilian Consulate are doing their best to facilitate the screening of applicants for their political background; their suitability as citizens; their profession and financial situation.

This scheme has been successfully put into operation in Italy and Holland, and Hongkong is the third country chosen. Individual applicants are limited to a family of six.

However, if a family has more than four children, the Brazilian Government will waive this restriction.

Visas Issued

The Brazilian Consulate in Hongkong have to date issued visas to more than ten applicants to settle permanently in Brazil. The first batch of emigrants are expected to leave the Colony very soon.

The opportunities are many and varied. They could enter business, develop industries or become farmers just as half a million Japanese emigrants are doing in Brazil.

The Society for the Protection of Children have plans for a brilliant Fashion Show in October. At a Press Conference this morning were (from left to right) Mrs E. L. Elias, Mrs Johnson Hill, Mr Tyler and Mr Harrison, who gave reporters the details.

Latest Plans For The Fashion Show

by Jill Doggett

A modern Cinderella may dream of wearing a cloth of gold Norman Hartnell creation, of driving luxuriously in the latest Rolls Royce model and of alighting gracefully under a spotlight of unanimous admiration.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for Protection of Children will play Fairy Godmother to many lovely maidens in the Colony on October 24 and 25.

There will be a Fairy Godfather too. The United Kingdom Trade Commissioner is also waving a wand. Fabulous gowns and fabrics are flying through the air to Hongkong.

MODELS TO MEET

The latest streamlined cars are en route to Hongkong from Britain.

Attractive models chosen for their grace and beauty will meet this afternoon in Mr Hugh Barton's residence at Shek O.

There will be rehearsals, training, much planning and timing before the colourful entrance under brilliant floodlights at the Jockey Club is made.

Mrs K. C. Johnson-Hill, Chairman of the Auxiliary, and Mrs E. L. Elias, convener of the Fashion Show subcommittee, yesterday expressed their appreciation of the assistance and co-operation given by Mr G. B. W. Harrison, Trade Commissioner and Mr George Tyler who first conceived the idea that British manufacturers and their agents here would collaborate with the charity show.

Information regarding the active co-operation given by every British car agent in the Colony, leading Fashion houses, tailors, designers and textile merchants was given this morning at a Press Conference held in the Trade Commissioner's office.

City Reclamation

DREDGING BEGINS ON THIRD STAGE

Dredging work on the third stage of the Central Reclamation scheme, to provide urgently needed land in the crowded city area, began this morning.

The work which was to begin yesterday was delayed because of the bad weather in the last few days.

The dredgers which were to arrive at the site on Saturday arrived late yesterday afternoon because of the No. 3 storm signal on Saturday and Sunday.

The third stage of the scheme covers an area along the Connaught Road waterfront between Morrison Street and Rumsey Street.

An area of over 262,000 square feet will be reclaimed from the sea. The work is expected to be completed in about one and a half years.

Police Inspector On Careless Driving Charge

Police Sub-Insp. U Tat-ming was summoned before Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning for allegedly careless driving.

Insp. U pleaded not guilty to the summons and hearing was fixed for September 7.

He was alleged to have committed the offence in Nathan Road near Man Ming Lane on June 30.

This Year There'll Be Two 8th Moons

There will be two Eighth Moons this year in the Chinese calendar, but only one Moon Festival. And bills, which are normally settled among Chinese business houses at this Mid-Autumn Festival, have to be paid only once.

The first Eighth Moon, the first day of which falls on Sunday, is the principal one; the second, which begins on September 24 is what is known as an intercalary Moon — an extra month added every three years to make up for the accumulated shortage in days.

For the lunar year is never constant. The ordinary year consists of 354 or 355 days while the intercalary year has between 383 to 385 days.

Very Unusual

A double Eighth Moon is very unusual. The last time this happened was in 1900. Since then there have been two "double" Third Moons and five "double" Fifth Moons.

On the 15th day of the Eighth Moon, the moon is said to be at its brightest and fullest. It is also known as the Harvest Moon and is one of the main festivals of the Chinese year almost equal in importance to Chinese New Year.

Although amongst Chinese Buddhists the moon is always worshipped when it is full on the 15th day of every Moon, celebrations are especially enthusiastic for the Harvest Moon.

Heavy Pastry

This year the Moon Festival will be observed in the principal Eighth Moon and falls on September 8. It is a day when presents of moon cakes, fruit and wine are exchanged and when all sorts of lantern decorations abound—carp, hare, carambola and moving silhouettes.

Confectioners are now busily preparing for moon cakes made of heavy pastry with fillings of sweet bean paste or preserved egg and meat. The bulk of their business will be done just before September 9, but no doubt some enterprising pastry cooks will allow for the second Eighth Moon in the hope that gourmets will make it fashionable to eat moon cakes on the second 15th which falls as late as October 8.

FOUR HURT IN ROAD MISHAPS

An eight-year-old Chinese boy, Wong Pak-kan, was knocked down and injured by a private car in Sai Yeung Choi Street yesterday. He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Lam Shui-chung, aged 31, was injured when he jumped off a moving lorry last night in Chatham Road near Valley Road. He is being treated in Kowloon Hospital.

A cyclist, Yip Cheung, aged 32, was injured when a private car collided with his bicycle in Taipo Road near Maple Street yesterday. He was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

A 34-year-old Chinese, Lee Tse Ping, sustained injuries when his car overturned on a bend in Shek O Road yesterday. He is being treated in Queen Mary Hospital.

Two Snatchings In Kowloon

A Chinese snatched a wrist watch from a woman in Castle Peak Road near Kiu Yam Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday.

Another woman had her wrist watch snatched yesterday in the rear lane of No. 261, Lai Chi Kok Road.

Travelling Bag Stolen From Parked Car

A travelling bag containing clothing was stolen from a private car parked in Kennedy Road outside No. 15A yesterday. The car doors were left unlocked.

On Short Visit

Pictured above at Kai Tak this morning are Nationalist General Ho Sai-lai (right), son of the late Sir Robert Ho-tung and brother of the late Mr E. S. K. Ho-tung, and Mr Cheng Yin-fun (left), President of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Committee of Formosa, who are on a short visit to Hongkong. (China Mail Photo).

BRITISH SEAMAN'S WILD BUS RIDE ALONG HK STREET

A British seaman who last night got into the driver's cabin of a Hongkong bus, drove it for 150 yards and subsequently collided with two private cars was fined $700 or four weeks, and 28 days' gaol by Miss B. K. Searle at Central Magistracy.

Twenty-two-year-old Robert Gibson Matthew, of the motorship Sonthia, pleaded guilty to charges of driving without a valid licence, without third party insurance and without the owner's consent.

Another charge, disorderly conduct, was dismissed when the prosecution offered no evidence.

The Court was told that the defendant was seen driving a China Motor bus from Kam Hong Street into Tsat Tse Mui Road shortly after midnight last night.

FURORE IN HQ

After driving it for about 150 yards, Matthew collided with two private cars.

Defendant was later stopped by two police officers, who brought him to Bay View Police Station. He was then found to be without a valid licence.

After a medical examination at police headquarters, defendant was certified to be not under the influence of drink.

Inside Police headquarters, defendant shouted, used abusive language, and wrestled with police officers, the prosecuting officer told the Court.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Maybe I ought to start going with Hubert again—it hurts me to see him wasting his money on himself!"

More Trucks For China

Blue Funnel Ship On Maiden Voyage

Thirty-two five-ton Austin trucks packed in 64 wooden cases arrived this morning from England in the Blue Funnel cargo liner Antenor for trans-shipment to China.

The trucks, worth about $475,000, are part of the 70 trucks ordered through Metro Cars (Hongkong) Ltd in May. Forty-four of the trucks have since arrived and been sent to Canton.

The trucks will be unloaded into lighters at Holt's Wharf today to be taken to Canton later.

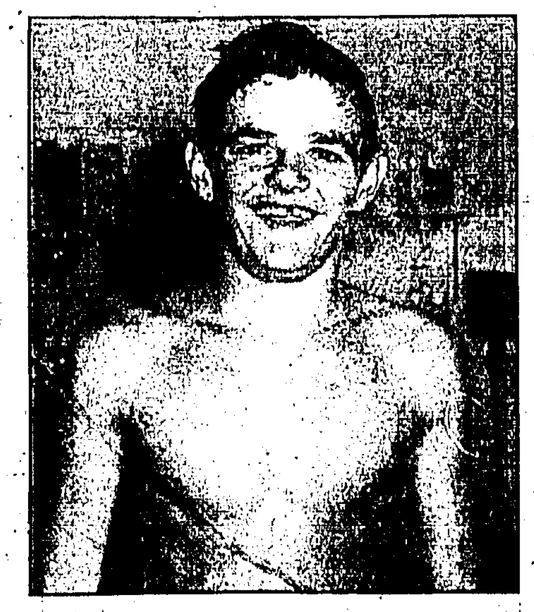
Antenor is on her maiden voyage from Birkenhead to the Far East.

She is 7,000 tons and has a speed of 16½ knots and is described as "an improved version of the post-war Blue Funnel 'A' class of which 27 have been built in the last 10 years."

Suspect Detained

The Police detained a suspect following the theft of a fountain pen from a Chinese in Castle Peak Road near Hing Wah Street. The man was arrested by a detective who was in the vicinity. The pen was recovered.

Graham Came Back Without A Beard



This fresh, cheery face belongs to junior seaman Graham Bowman, 16½ of HMS Modeste, probably the youngest participant in the recent Oman rising.

Graham did not say whether the missing tooth was a war injury—and he was one of the few to return to Hongkong, after a three months tour of duty in the Middle East, without a beard.

Graham comes from Holbeach, Lincolnshire. He expects to be in the Navy for another seven or eight years (he's a veteran of 16 months' service already) before having to decide on a career.—China Mail Photo.

DETECTIVE TELLS COURT OF WANCHAI GAP TUSSLE

A police detective, Chik Tsang, told the Court at the committal proceedings before Mr F. S. Simon Li at Central Court this morning how he surprised two men hiding in the dry bed of a stream on Wanchai Gap. They were later charged with housebreaking, and alternatively, receiving stolen property.

Li Sing, one of the two accused, was charged additionally with throwing hydrochloric acid at Chik on June 5.

Lee Sing, and Law Chi-lau, were accused of house breaking at 585 Wanchai Road on June 3 and 4 and at Cameron Road on May 30.

The witness said that he was on patrol duty in the vicinity of Wanchai Gap Road when he saw two people in the stream bed. He went up the hill and when he arrived at the spot, he saw them hammering silverware. He suspected that the silverware had been stolen.

He jumped down from a rock into the stream bed and caught the two men by surprise.

Lee Sing, the detective, then warned them not to try and escape. A moment later one threw some liquid at the detective.

Then Lee Sing approached him with a knife in his hand. He opened fire with his revolver and Lee Sing immediately fell to the ground.

The Reluctant Seaman

Steve Lutich of ss President Cleveland was fined $100 or two weeks by Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning for being obstructive to the Police.

Lutich was taken to Tsimshatsui Police Station from No. 1 Gate of Kowloon Godowns at 4 a.m. today by Sub-Insp. Ip King-sing as the result of a complaint.

It took the Police five and a half hours to get his name and particulars from him.

Edith: Half Out

Edith, the Kowloon Docks tug which capsized during a towing operation off the Docks last week is now half out of the water. Her salvagers expect to refloat her tomorrow.

STOP PRESS

HUKS WOUNDED

Manila, Aug. 20.

Two Huks were wounded while a non-combatant teenage girl was killed in crossfire when government troops clashed with a Huk band yesterday in Biluso village, Cavite Province, Southern Luzon.—France-Presse.

COMET SEEN

Manila, Aug. 20.

Local astronomers last night had their first view of the Mrkos Comet as it raced across the Philippine horizon after appearing at about 8 p.m. local time.

The Mrkos Comet, first discovered last August 2, was named after its discoverer, Czechoslovakian astronomer Antonin Mrkos. —France-Presse.

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